

## ESI PRESERVATION DIRECTIVE FOR ATF OPERATION FAST AND FURIOUS

Pursuant to ATF Order 1340.4 (Preserving and Producing Bureau Records, Documents and Information Subject to the Legal Process) and the Preservation Directive issued on March 28, 2011, the Office of Chief Counsel (Litigation) requests your assistance in locating and retaining electronically stored information (ESI) relevant to ATF's firearms trafficking investigation known as Operation Fast and Furious.

Information that is relevant to the operation includes, but is not limited to: (1) N-FORCE records relating to Operation Fast and Furious, case number 785115-10-0004; (2) N-SPECT records relating to Operation Fast and Furious and the following Federal Firearms Licensees: American Gunshop, Inc., Bear Arms, Gunnet, **ATF**, J & G Sales, Olsen Firearms, LLC, and **ATF**; (3) E-TRACE records relating to Operation Fast and Furious; (4) Firearms Tracing System records relating to Operation Fast and Furious; and (5) Any emails to/from the work accounts of all ATF Headquarters and Phoenix Field Division personnel regarding Operation Fast and Furious, from the time period October 1, 2009 until the present.

Any identifiable data on network drives (e.g., U:\drive; G:\drive; S:\drive) should be captured immediately and copied to another drive for preservation. Three weeks from the date of this Directive, please once again capture and copy this data to another drive for preservation. This material does not replace any material that may have been previously captured and should be identifiable by date that it was captured.

Of particular importance will be ensuring that no ESI is erased through routine destruction. If any ESI related to the individuals named above and/or case number 785115-10-0004 has been purged as a result of routine destruction (*i.e.*, the aging process, separation from employment, etc) please, to the extent possible, find the dates of such purge and the information which would have been subject to destruction.

Note that this directive is in effect until the Office of Chief Counsel notifies you that the hold has been terminated.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Assistant Director Melanie Stinnett.