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July 18, 2011

The Honorable Darrell E. Issa
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This supplements our previous responses to the Committee's subpoena of March 31, 2011, and your letter of June 8, 2011, relating to Operation Fast and Furious.

We are delivering today to your office an additional 66 pages of material. These documents bear limited redactions to protect specific details about pending investigations, including text that would identify targets and sensitive techniques, plus information relating to line employees. In addition, we have redacted from multi-subject documents text that is not responsive to your requests. The nature of specific redactions is indicated by a redaction code ("RC") in accordance with the attached index. Even with the redactions, many of these documents contain non-public material and are not appropriate for public disclosure. In response to requests from Chairmen Smith and Leahy, we also will provide these documents to the House Committee on the Judiciary and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, respectively.

We have also located an additional 14 pages of law-enforcement sensitive material that we are prepared to make available at the Department for review by Committee staff. There are limited redactions of text that would identify investigative targets. The documents will also be made available for review at the Department by staff of the House Committee on the Judiciary and the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

We hope this information is helpful and look forward to working with the Committee as this matter continues.

Sincerely,

Ronald Weich

Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Elijah Cummings

Ranking Minority Member

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- RC-4: Redaction of text that relates to investigative targets or subjects.
- RC-5: Redaction of text that discloses law enforcement sensitive investigative details.

# FOR PRODUCTION TO THE COMMITTEE

BATCH# 20

STARTING BATES \_\_\_\_

ENDING BATES\_\_\_\_

From: Sent: **ATF** Wednesday, May 07, 2008 6:22:53 PM

To: Subject: **ATF** 

ATF

I need a memo from you, thru me, to the SAC in regards to ATF contact with you regarding the FFLs in the valley being upset with us. Apparently, the AGs Office (not the AZ AG) gave the USAO some crap about not taking our cases, and of course of late ATF has been diverting blame over here. We need to protect ourselves, and the integrity of our cases.

# **ATF**

Supervisory Special Agent Phoenix I Field Office (Project Gunrunner)

"The greatest enemy of a good plan, is the dream of a perfect plan".

Carl Von Clausewitz

Sent: Monday, December 21, 2009 12:00:30 PM To: Newell, William D. Subject: RE: Phoenix F/As Traff case Chart 1.pdf Attachments: Bill Sorry I missed your e-mail. Here is a PDF version of the chart. If you ever need anything from me or Intel after hours, please don't hesitate to call RC-1 ATF Intelligence Research Specialist Phoenix Field Division ----Original Message----From: Newell, William D. Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2009 2:18 PM To: ATF Subject: Fw: Phoenix F/As Traff case ATF | hate to bug you on a Sunday but if you're home with your laptop is there another way you can send this document to me. My home computer can't open it with this format. I've got a meeting with the USA in the morning near where I live and won't be coming to the office. Thanks! Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM) \* \* \* NOTICE: This electronic transmission is confidential and intended only for the person(s) to whom it is addressed. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify the sender by return e-mail and destroy this message in its entirety (including all attachments). ---- Original Message ---From: To: William D. **ATF** Sent: Sat Dec 19 22:33:37 2009 Subject: RE: Phoenix F/As Traff case Here is an updated version of the i2 chart that was sent to I updated it with a couple of photographs furnished by ATF stated that she was going to do a time line on this case. Please view the i2 chart and if you need assistance with the time line please advise. ----Original Message----From: Martin, Steve K. Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 6:04 PM HOGR ATF - 002391

ATF

To: Newell, William D ATF Subject: RE: Phoenix F/As Traff case Let's see what we can do. Steve ----Original Message----From: Newell, William D. Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 6:03 PM To: Martin, Steve K. Subject: Re: Phoenix F/As Traff case I never received anything but I think my new GS did. He's out today closing on his house. If I can get the chart sent to me would be great. The new USA is a "visual guy". Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM) \* \* \* NOTICE: This electronic transmission is confidential and intended only for the person(s) to whom it is addressed. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify the sender by return e-mail and destroy this message in its entirety (including all attachments). ---- Original Message ----From: Martin, Steve K. To: Newell, William D. Sent: Fri Dec 18 18:01:19 2009 Subject: RE: Phoenix F/As Traff case Am I too late on this one? ----Original Message----From: Newell, William D. Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 11:30 AM To: Martin, Steve K. Subject: Re: Phoenix F/As Traff case I'm meeting with the USA on Monday to brief him on this and several other high-profile cases we got going right now. I need some "visuals". McMahon said your guys put together a time-line chart that would be good to use in my briefing of the USA. Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM) \*\*\* NOTICE: This electronic transmission is confidential and intended only for the person(s) to whom it is addressed. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify the sender by return e-mail and destroy this message in its entirety (including all attachments). ---- Original Message -----From: Martin, Steve K.

To: Newell, William D.; Chait, Mark R.

Sent: Wed Dec 16 20:57:57 2009

Subject: Re: Phoenix F/As Traff case

Outstanding! If there is anything we can do--ANYTHING to help just throw

it our way.
Good luck

Steve

Steve Martin-DAD-OSII/ATF

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---- Original Message ----

From: Newell, William D.

To: Martin, Steve K.; Chait, Mark R.

Sent: Wed Dec 16 20:47:42 2009 Subject: Phoenix F/As Traff case

Following load (unknown # of guns) we suspect is headed south tonight. CBP plane up, DEA and Phoenix PD assisting with surv. Will keep u

posted. RC-3

Our OCDETF proposal is

being fast-tracked, USAO fully on board as are DEA and ICE. It's an ATF Strike Force case, Phoenix Grp 7.

Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge

ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2009 1:23:42 PM

To: Newell, William D.

Subject: Re: ATF case status?

At least ATF f the guns recently recovered in TJ are from ATF purchasers.

The OCDETF proposal was drafted yesterday.

Total purchased last week (including yesterday) were approximately



George T. Gillett Assistant Special Agent in Charge Phoenix Field Division

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---- Original Message ----From: Newell, William D. To: Gillett, George T. Jr. Sent: Sun, Dec 13 13:14:35 2009 Subject: ATF case status?

Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM) RC-1

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From: Newell, William D.  Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 5:35 PM				
To: Martin, Steve K. Subject: RE: New academic book on Mexican law enforcement touches on Firearms Trafficking				
Amen brother. George Gillett had to have a long talk with one ATF yesterday because we heard he was one of the "hand wringers" on this deal and asking why we weren't shutting this deal down now. I had Gillett call him and "counsel" him on why we weren't going to do that and if he had anymore concerns to contact us directly and not worry so much about those things he has absolutely no control over, or say in for that matter. By the way isn't he the head of the SWB Group??				
Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico) RC-1				
From: Martin, Steve K. Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 3:32 PM To: Newell, William D. Subject: RE: New academic book on Mexican law enforcement touches on Firearms Trafficking				
Great stuff—aiming for those cartels! It is painful trying to get the powers to be to see that the target is the top in the cartel and not the straw purchase urchin (whose brain should be sucked dry for intel). Good luck and let us know how we can help. Steve				
From: Newell, William D. Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 5:29 PM To: Martin, Steve K. Subject: RE: New academic book on Mexican law enforcement touches on Firearms Trafficking				
10-4, they are on stand-by.				
Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico) RC-1				
From: Martin, Steve K.  Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 3:29 PM  To: Newell, William D.  Subject: RE: New academic book on Mexican law enforcement touches on Firearms Trafficking				
Sweet! RC-3				
From: Newell, William D.				

Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 5:25 PM To: Martin, Steve K. Subject: RE: New academic book on Mexican law enforcement touches on Firearms Trafficking RC-3 it RC-3 We will be taking RC-3 RC-3 and not giving him too much info other than if these **ATF** RC-3 and call us immediately to begin guys come back, which they will, that he needs RC-3 monitoring. Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico) From: Martin, Steve K. Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 3:23 PM To: Newell, William D. Subject: RE: New academic book on Mexican law enforcement touches on Firearms Trafficking RC-3 I will. Outstanding on the From: Newell, William D. Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 5:20 PM Subject: Re: New academic book on Mexican law enforcement touches on Firearms Trafficking To: Martin, Steve K. ATF RC-3 No but I'm hoping you'll buy it for me. Also, we have RC-3 Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM) NOTICE: This electronic transmission is confidential and intended only for the person(s) to whom it is addressed. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify the sender by return e-mail and destroy this message in its entirety (including all attachments). From: Martin, Steve K. To: Newell, William D. Sent: Fri Dec 18 17:16:55 2009 Subject: RE: New academic book on Mexican law enforcement touches on Firearms Trafficking You got the book?

From: Newell, William D.

Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 5:09 PM

### Subject: RE: New academic book on Mexican law enforcement touches on Firearms Trafficking

Dr. Shirk was the guy who testified before a House approps committee this year along with El Paso DEA SAC Joe Arabit, Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon, and Lin relation to SWB violence. Interesting guy, for an academic.

Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)
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From	ATF			
Sent:	Friday, December 18	3, 2009 12:14 PM		
To:		ATF		
Martin,	, Steve K ATI	Newell, William D	ATF	
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Subje	ct: New academic bo	ook on Mexican law enforcement tou	ches on Firearms Trafficking	

### Gentlemen:

The Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego announced a new book (copyright 2010) – The **Police and Public Security in Mexico** - website <a href="http://www.justice:nmexico.org/resources/publications.php">http://www.justice:nmexico.org/resources/publications.php</a>

Starting on page 15, of the attached "preview" of the new books introduction it addresses Firearms Trafficking

Members of this Trans-Border Institute include many senior advisors in both the US and Mexico governments.

This book may be something that other parties may be quoting from in future meetings, like they do with any new GAO and CRS reports. I have not seen the entire book yet and can only offer the attached preview.

VR,



Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 1:45 PM

**To:** McMahon, William G. **Subject:** FW: OCDETF Proposal

Attachments: The Fast and The Furious.doc; The Fast and The Furious narrative.doc

"Fast and Furious" case was approved today by the OCDETF committee. RC

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Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)
RG-1

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 11:26 AM

To: Newell, William D.

Subject: FW: OCDETF Proposal

Bill -

ATF OCDETF proposal was unanimously passed today at the USAO. This

investigation RC-3

We'

coordinate with ATF Counsel and the USAO regarding review Purchases have significantly slowed for now as the "straws" are waiting for a significant cash infusion to make some "large" purchases, whatever those might be.

George T. Gillett

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

RC-1

Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 10:09 PM

**To:** Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)

Subject: Re:

Yes, ATF and I have discussed. It is obviously wrong and he said he'll take care of it but I will tell you my folks are steaming mad. I realize ICE is desperate for stats for their "BESTs" but this is not the way to go about it. Nothing in this report is true except that this is a joint case, somewhat.

Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge

ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)



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From: Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)

To: Newell, William D.

Sent: Thu Feb 25 22:02:18 2010

Subject: RE:

Isn't this your case that you sent me a note about earlier this week?

From: Newell, William D. (ATF)

Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 4:36 PM

To: Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)

Subject: Fw:

Totally inaccurate. Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

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From: ATF
To: Newell, William D.

**Sent**: Thu Feb 25 18:32:55 2010

Subject:

Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Daily Summary of Operational Report
February 24, 2010

The information contained in this report should be considered preliminary. It is a synopsis provided in raw form and has not yet been reviewed by ICE Leadership.

From: Newell, William D. Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 1:49:44 PM To: Kempshall, Elizabeth W (DEA-US) Subject: Fw: Attachments: IMG00032.jpg.jpg Good lick this past wookend in any Dhanning "Fast and Furious" Strike Force case. ATF were stopped by our Tucson guys and BP as they tried to cross the border into Mexico on the TO reservation. We had surveillance on them from Phoenix to Tucson where ATF ATF had not predicted. RC-3 is still pending approval at USAO..... Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM) +++ NOTICE: This electronic transmission is confidential and intended only for the person(s) to whom it is addressed. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify the sender by return e-mail and destroy this message in its entirety (including all attachments). ---- Original Message -----From: Gillett, George T. Jr. To: Newell, William D. Sent: Sun Feb 21 13:01:22 2010 Subject: Fw: Photo of yesterday's recovery. George T. Gillett ASAC - Phoenix Field Division \*\*\* NOTICE: This electronic transmission is confidential and intended only for the person(s) to whom it is addressed. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify the sender by return e-mail and destroy this message in its entirety (including all attachments). ---- Original Message ----From: RC-1 @vzwpix.com < @vzwpix.com> To: Gillett, George T. Jr. Sent: Sun Feb 21 12:55:41 2010 Subject: Fw:

This message has been sent using the picture and Video service from Verizon Wireless!

To learn how you can snap pictures and capture videos with your wireless phone visit www.verizonwireless.com/picture.

Note: To play video messages sent to email, Quicktime@ 6.5 or higher is required.



From: Newell, William D. Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 10:18:15 AM To: Burke, Dennis (USAAZ) Subject: RE: TNW .50 caliber rifle 10-4, it's part of the "Fast and Furious" OCDETF Strike Force case we are hoping RC-3. This group is approx 800 "weapons of choice" mainly AK-47s, FN 5.7 pistols, etc. ATF is fully up to speed on it but if you want a more in-depth briefing we can do that over here at your earliest convenience. We have the charts showing the trafficking hierarchy, links due to purchases, phone tolls, intel from surveillance, etc. Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico) ----Original Message----From: Burke, Dennis (USAAZ) RC-1 Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 8:13 AM To: Newell, William D. Cc: Hurley, Emory (USAAZ) Subject: RE: TNW .50 caliber rifle What happened last Saturday w/ the 42 AK-47s? Do we have that case? ----Original Message----From: Newell, William D. (ATF) Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 7:34 AM To: Burke, Dennis (USAAZ) Cc: Hurley, Emory (USAAZ) Subject: TNW .50 caliber rifle This is was seizure two weeks ago in Baja Norte, Mexico. In the picture ATF SA ATF is inspecting the TNW, .50 caliber rifle. If you recall two years ago we seized 42 "weapons of choice" out of a storage locker in Yuma following a Phoenix gun show operation. Also seized was approx 500 rounds of linked .50 caliber ammo. All were headed to Mexico and all are still in our ATF vaults here in Phoenix. RC-5 **RC-5** RC-5 RC-5 Since then several TNW, .50 caliber rifles have been seized in Mexico but not the one purchased in ATF | - not yet. So every time a TNW, .50 caliber rifle is seized in Mexico we immediately dispatch an agent to verify the information. TNW Firearms Inc., is based in Oregon. See more at www.tnwfirearms.com One of the TNW, .50 caliber rifles seized was the one in April, 2009 in Sonora from the Beltran Leyva DTO (see second photo attachment). The pictures of this gun, mounted in the back of a pickup behind a man-made shooting platform, fed the rumor mill on the internet and the media of

the people who believe that this gun, and many more like it, come from

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the Central/South American black market or are "stolen" from the Mexican military. Not true at least not in this case and from what we see on a daily basis - including the 42 AK-47 rifles we seized this past Saturday west of Tucson and a mile from the border. The Casa Grande Border Patrol folks assisted us in an outstanding manner with this. The two cars carrying these firearms were about to cross into Mexico. This is from the ATF "Fast and Furious" OCDETF case. The suspects stopped at an

# ATF

Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Phoenix Field
Division (Arizona and New Mexico)

Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 11:59 PM

To: Martin, Steve K.

Subject: Re: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, RC-5

10-4. Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge

ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

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**From**: Martin, Steve K. **To**: Newell, William D.

Sent: Mon Mar 29 23:46:59 2010

Subject: RE: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, RC-5

Let's discuss tomorrow when we are both working—sound good??

From: Newell, William D.

Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 7:38 PM

**To:** Martin, Steve K.

**Subject:** Re: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, RC-5

I'll bet.
Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)
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**From**: Martin, Steve K. **To**: Newell, William D.

Sent: Mon Mar 29 19:33:25 2010

**Subject**: Re: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO,

Your buddy ATF sends hugs and kisses. Steve Martin-DAD-OSII/ATF

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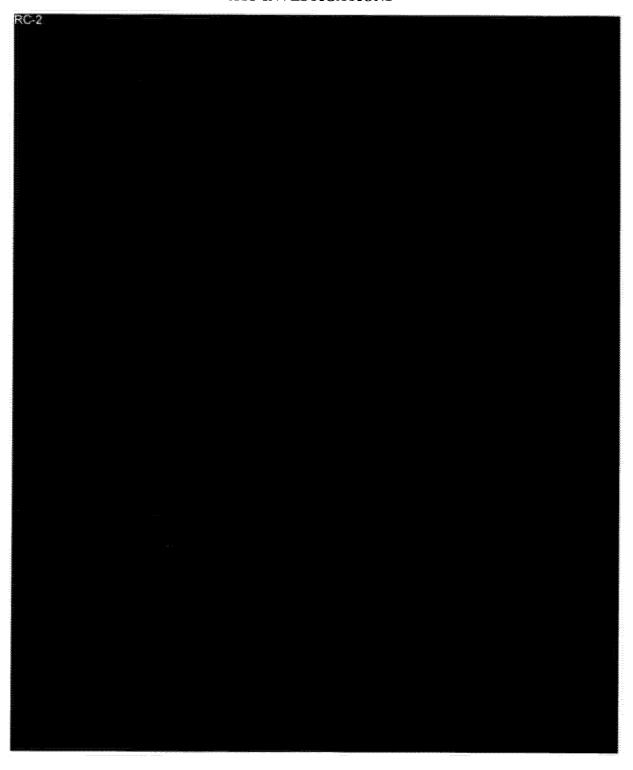
**From:** Newell, William D. **To:** Martin, Steve K.

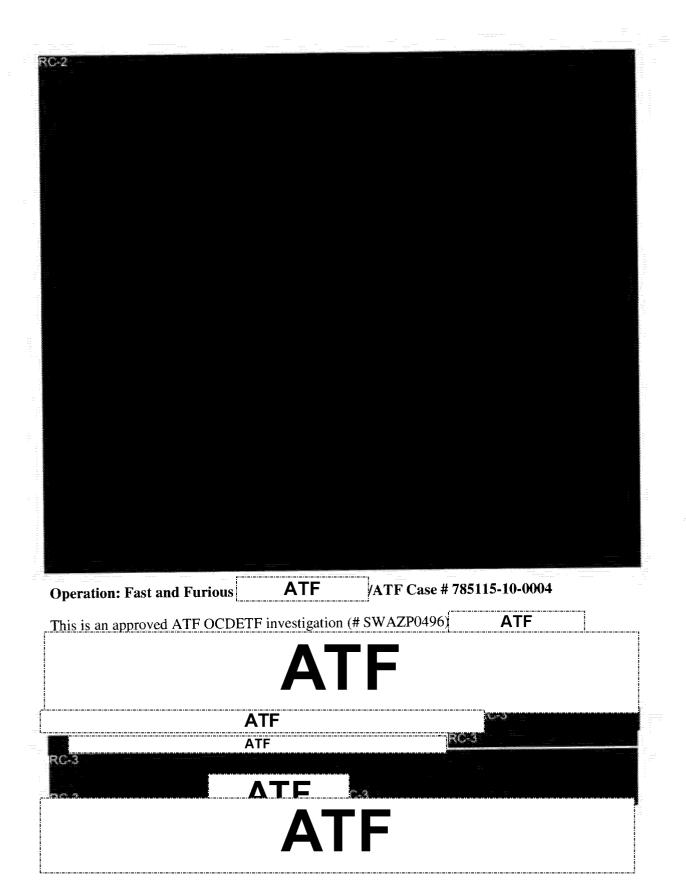
Sent: Mon Mar 29 19:30:13 2010

Subject: Re: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO,
I told Bill to take you out for a beer and bitch to you for me.  Bill Newell  Special Agent in Charge  ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)  RC-1
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From: Martin, Steve K.  To: Newell, William D.  Sent: Mon Mar 29 19:29:02 2010  Subject: Re: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, RC-5
I will call later and we can talk. Steve Martin-DAD-OSII/ATF
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From: Newell, William D.  To: Martin, Steve K.  Sent: Mon Mar 29 18:31:09 2010  Subject: FW: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, RC-5  You don't want to see the e-mail that ATF sent to Gillett when he got this from ATF You know me brother I want to help and firmly believe this is a "Team ATF" effort but it appears the more we give the more they want. ATF and his crew are up to their eyeballs RC-3 and we are all very short handed here. I thought you guys were going to send someone out? If you did they could do all this here and save us the hassle because I've got nobody to spare.
Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico) RC-1
From: Gillett, George T. Jr.  Sent: Monday, March 29, 2010 3:12 PM  To: ATF  Cc: Newell, William D. ATF  Subject: FW: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, RC-5
ATF
Please call me any time after 10:00 AM tomorrow. We can discuss this.

RC-1

# ATF INVESTIGATIONS





On November 20, 2009 the Mexican military seized approximately 41 AK-47 type rifles and one .50 caliber Colt rifle in Naco, Sonora Mexico.

ATF

# ATF

On December 11, 2009 at the request of the sub-Delegate from PGR-Mexicali, ATF Tijuana agents responded to Mexicali, Baia California to assist in the tracing of the 48 firearms that were scized by the Mexican military.

ATF

On January 13, 2010, ATF agents arrested

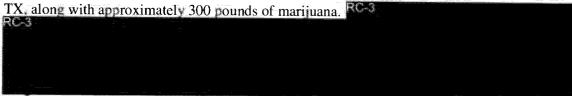
**ATF** 

# ATF

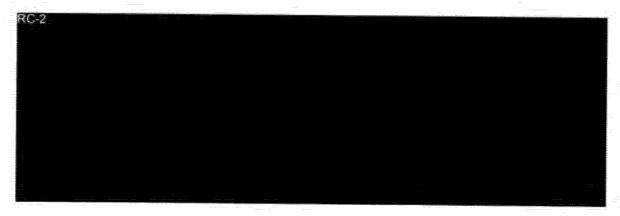
**ATF** 

This investigation and judicial process is continuing.

On April 7, 2010, twenty AK-47 style firearms linked to this case were recovered in El Paso,



As of April 27, 2010 approximately 150 of the firearms from this case have been recovered as crime guns in Mexico or near the Mexican border.



From: McDermond, James E.

Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 11:02:47 AM

To: Newell, William D. Subject: Re: Mexico clips

Bill,

I totally concur with your comments. With your operation pending we need to take a strategic approach in an effort to impact the DTO's. As you know all too well we can identify, arrest and hopeful prosecute straw purchasers all day long. The question we need to ask ourselves as a federal agency is what is the impact we are having on the root of the problem (DTOs).

As you also know we continue to lack human intelligence coming from Mexico. I believe this is where we need to focus our assets if we are going to be truly successful.

I continue to bring this issue to my colleagues and the increase in personnel within country will help but I am still not sure we really understand the dynamics that exist in Mexico which will allow ATF to have a significant impact.

With the recent changes at HQ I will continue to support you and your staff in anyway I can. Please help me help you by providing me your suggestions and requests so that ATF can be successful.

Regards, Jim

James McDermond, AD-ATF-OSII

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---- Original Message ----From: Newell, William D.
To: McMahon, William G.

Cc: Webb, J. Dewey; Champion, Robert R.; McDermond, James E.

Sent: Mon Apr 26 10:37:24 2010

Subject: Mexico clips

As you know over the past several days there have been several brazen attacks in Mexico against police and Gov't officials. The State Security Director in Michoacán's convoy was attacked (4 killed and 10 wounded including 2 and 12 year old girls). Used in the attack was a .50 cal due to her SUV being lightly armored. (The spike in .50 cals is something we've been highlighting for 2.5 years and explaining the reasons why — exactly what occurred in this recent attack). Now that these tactics have supposedly "changed", which I dispute because we've been talking about that for two years, expect the rhetoric from Mexico regarding firearms from the U.S. to intensify. It's one thing when bad guys are killing bad guys but when top level officials are being specifically targeted at all levels then all bets are off.

Mexico says cartels turning attacks on authorities

By MARK STEVENSON

The Associated Press

11:21 p.m. Sunday, April 25, 2010

MEXICO CITY - Mexico's drug cartels have changed tactics and are turning more attacks on authorities, rather than focusing their fire on rivals gangs, the country's top security official said Sunday.

Interior Secretary Fernandez Gomez Mont said at a news conference that two backto-back, bloody ambushes of government convoys — both blamed on cartels represent a new tactic.

"In the last few weeks the dynamics of the violence have changed. The criminals have decided to directly confront and attack the authorities," Gomez-Mont said.

"They are trying to direct their fire power at what they fear most at this moment, which is the authorities," he said.

Officials here have long said that more than 90 percent of the death toll in Mexico's wave of drug violence — which has claimed more than 22,700 lives since a government crackdown began in December 2006 — are victims of disputes between rival gangs.

Mexican drug gangs have been known to target security officials. The nation's acting federal police chief was shot dead in May 2008 in an attack attributed to drug traffickers lashing back at President Felipe Calderon's offensive against organized crime.

But such high-profile attacks were rare in comparison to inter-gang warfare. But after the large-scale attacks on officials Friday and Saturday, "casualties among the authorities are beginning to increase in this battle," Gomez-Mont said.

On Saturday, gunmen armed with assault rifles and grenades attacked a convoy carrying the top security official of the western state of Michoacan, in what appeared to be a carefully planned ambush.

The official survived with non-life-threatening wounds - she was traveling in a bullet-resistant SUV - but two of her bodyguards and two passers-by were killed. Of the other nine people wounded, most were bystanders, including two girls ages 2 and 12.

Gomez-Mont said the attack was carried out by a group known as "The Resistance," an outgrowth of the Michoacan-based La Familia drug cartel.

It came a day after, gunmen ambushed two police vehicles at a busy intersection in the northern border city of Ciudad Juarez, killing seven officers and a 17-year-old boy caught in the crossfire. Two more officers were seriously wounded.

Hours after that attack, a painted message directed at top federal police commanders and claiming responsibility for the attack appeared on a wall in downtown Ciudad Juarez. It was apparently signed by La Linea, the enforcement arm of the Juarez drug cartel. The Juarez cartel has been locked in a bloody turf battle with the Sinaloa cartel, led by Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.

"This will happen to you ... for being with El Chapo Guzman and to all the dirtbags who support him. Sincerely, La Linea," the message read. The authenticity of the message could not be independently verified.

Gomez-Mont, who is responsible for domestic security affairs, said the United States has to do more to stop cross-border gangs and illicit trade in weapons and money.

He said some gangs "find a certain kind of sanctuary on the other side of the border," referring to Los Aztecas, a Ciudad Juarez gang that also operates in the United States, where it is known as the Barrio Azteca gang.

"They (the United States) contribute very important components in the dynamic of violence,"  $Gomez-Mont\ said.$ 

"We need the Americans to step up and recognize the fact that it is their money, their drug demand, that foments and encourages the violence in Mexico. We need the Americans to assume their responsibility," he said.

The U.S. has supported Mexico's offensive, providing helicopters, dogs, surveillance gear and other law-enforcement support through the \$1.3 billion Merida Initiative. "That is not a small amount, but it is not sufficient," Gomez-Mont said.

A few hours before his comments, the military reported that Mexican soldiers killed five men Saturday in a shootout with assailants in a town near the northern city of Monterrey and detained six police officers on suspicion of helping the attackers. The Defense Department alleged the police tried to interfere with the troops during the confrontation.

Drug cartels are known to operate in the area, and many members of local police forces are suspected of aiding the gangs.

In the Pacific coast state of Guerrero, a drive-by shooting killed the local leader of the tiny Labor Party outside his home Sunday, state police reported. Former legislator Rey Hernandez Garcia was hit by seven gunshots.

Police did not offer any information on a possible motive in the attack.

From: Newell, William D.

Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2010 10:02 PM

To: ATF

Subject: Re: Exit Strategy Fast and Furious

Tell him I went to the airport to meet with Dennis issue with him and he said he would get with tomorrow reference my talk with the USA to ens Bill Newell

Tell him I went to the airport to meet with Dennis Burke. He left for Mexico City tonight at 6:50. Among other things I discussed issue with him and he said he would get with Emory and Glen McCormick and also push RC-3 Have ATF get with Emory tomorrow reference my talk with the USA to ensure we're pushing from both sides on this issue.

Bill Newell Appet in Charge

Special Agent in Charge

ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

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From: ATF
To: Newell, William D.

**Sent**: Tue Apr 27 21:46:05 2010

Subject: RE: Exit Strategy Fast and Furious

ATF and I talked for about 10 minutes and he got it done in a few hours. I will let him know you like it.

ATF

Bureau of AIF <sup>i</sup> Phoenix Field Division <u>Supervisor, Pho</u>enix V

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From: Newell, William D.

Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2010 6:33 PM

To: ATF

Subject: Re: Exit Strategy Fast and Furious

Outstanding job on this. Thank you Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

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From ATF
To: Newell, William D.

**Sent**: Tue Apr 27 21:26:28 2010 **Subject**: Exit Strategy Fast and Furious

Mr. Newell,

Attached is an update on proposed action and an exit strategy for the Fast and Furious investigation.

ATF

Phoenix Field Division Supervisor, Phoenix V RC-1

ATF From: **Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2010 5:34 PM To: Newell, William D.; Gillett, George T. Jr. Subject: FW: guns from "El Teo" Gunmen Most likely more to follow although some have obliterated serial numbers... **ATF** From: Sept: Friday February 26. 2010 3:04 PM To: Cc: Subject: RE: guns from "El Teo" Gunmen Of the serial numbers listed below: ATF RC-5 RC-5 ATF ATF From: Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 1:44 PM ATF **Subject:** FW: guns from "El Teo" Gunmen From: Sent: Friday, February 26, 2010 1:02 PM To: Subject: guns from "El Teo" Gunmen we just got back from viewing some guns that were taken last night from a group of gunmen tied to the "el teo" organization. Supposedly they were on their way to kill the Public Safety Secretary Lt Col. | ATF | when they were intercepted by the State Police (PEP). They were armed with five long guns and five handguns, vests etc . From examination of the guns these look like the same type of weapons that are coming from Phoenix and that we have been seen in other cases tied to El Teo. Below are the guns. Four of the guns are Romania, Romarm GP WASR 10/63 UP AK- 47 type rifles, 7.62X39mm, all had been converted to fire full auto and were in good condition. The Importer, as in the others, is CAI, Georgia, VT. With the following serial : RC-5 RC-5 numbers: RC-5 and RC-5 One is an Alexander Arms LLC, US Army Radford Arsenal, BEOWULF .50 caliber rifle, made on a Rock River Arms LAR-15 receiver, Cleveland, III, serial number obliterated Two are FN HERSTAL 5 7 semi-auto pistols, caliber 5.7mmX28mm, imported by FNH USA, Fredricksburg, VA one obliterated serial number the other RC-5 One Ruger P94, 9mm pistol, serial RC-5 made in Southport, Conn, USA by Ruger One EAA Witness, caliber .38 super, semi-auto pistol, serial number RC-5 made in Italy imported by EAA Cocoa, Fla

# ATF

**ATF Senior Special Agent** US Consulate General Tijuana, Mexico



**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2010 9:56 AM

To: McMahon, William G.

Subject: Fw: Information for DD Melson's Trip Book for El Paso, TX Visit and Tucson, AZ June 7-10-, 2010

**Importance:** High

Don't see you on the "cc" list.
Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)
RC-1

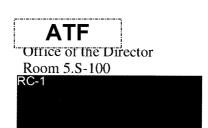
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From: ATF
To: All Assistant Directors; Massey, Kenneth; Stoop, Theresa R.; Hoover, William L.: Michalic Vivian B. ATF
ATF Ketels, Marianne C.; ATF Boxler, Michael B.; ATF Mary H.; Torres,
Julie M
Cc: Staff Assistant; Champion, Robert R.; Golson Sr., Michael A.; Chisholm, Kenneth L.;
William D.; Needles, James R.; Gillett, George T. Jr.; Cook, Nancy F.
<b>Sent</b> : Tue May 25 09:42:05 2010
Subject: Information for DD Melson's Trip Book for El Paso, TX Visit and Tucson, AZ June 7-10-, 2010

DD Melson will be visiting EPIC on June 8<sup>th</sup> and on the morning of June 9<sup>th</sup> conducting a Town Hall Meeting with the El Paso Field Office employees. He will then fly to Tucson, AZ and meet with the Tucson Arizona Field Office employees on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please provide to me any "snapshot" of information pertinent to your

directorate that you think DD Melson should be made aware of and have included in his trip book for El Paso, TX and Tucson, AZ. For example, space, staffing issues, training needs, equipment issues and any other information you think important. Negative replies are requested. Sease provide submissions by COB

Tuesday, June 2, 2010. Thank you.



Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2010 8:19 AM

To: McMahon, William G.

Subject: Re: SAC write up 04 26 2010

The indictments for Wide Receiver will come in two phases in mid-May but I'll have more detailed info early today. As for Fast and Furious I have already discussed an exit strategy and will have that today as well. The issue has been getting a

RC-3

I don't like HQ driving our cases but understand the "sensitivities" of this case better than anyone. We don't yet have the direct link to a DTO that we want/need for our prosecution, RC-3

Once we establish that link we can hold this case up as an example of the link between narcotics and firearms trafficking which would be great on a national media scale but if the Director wants this case shut down then so be it.

Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge

ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

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**From**: McMahon, William G. **To**: Newell, William D.

**Sent**: Tue Apr 27 07:59:35 2010 **Subject**: RE: SAC write up 04 26 2010

Bill,

We need to begin working on an "exit strategy" for this case. Let me know what your plans are for taking this case down to include the timing.

Also, can I get a write up on Wide Receiver? Billy is meeting with Kevin Carwile tomorrow and this case is on the agenda.

Thanks.

William G. McMahon Deputy Assistant Director (West) Office of Field Operations RC-1

From: Newell, William D.

Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 8:14 PM

To: McMahon, William G.

Subject: Fw: SAC write up 04 26 2010

Update on Fast and Furious. RC-3

Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge

ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

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From: ATF
To: Newell, William D.
Sent: Mon Apr 26 20:08:43 2010
Subject: FW: SAC write up 04 26 2010
Bill,

Attached is a one page update from ATF

Bureau of ATF
Phoenix Field Division
Supervisor, Phoenix V

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From: ATF

Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 4:20 PM

To: ATF

Subject: SAC write up 04 26 2010

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 12:18:17 PM

To: Nallin, Michael T.; ATF

CC: Newell, William D.; ATF Jook, Nancy F.; Needles, James R.

Subject: Director's town hall

Mike/Jeff -

The Director's town hall meeting will be this Thursday at 1:00 pm in the Tucson conf room. Please insure that all personnel attend. Dress will be business professional.

Attendees will need to include GRIT personnel as well as field office personnel.

Thanks,

George

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ATF From Sent: Wednesday, August 18, CC: McMahon, William G.; Chait, Mark R.; Newell, William D. Subject: Fw: Phoenix--Grit Rollout Aug 26th. If this works out, we'll get him in and out the same day. NOTICE: This electronic transmission is confidential and intended only for the person(s) to whom it is addressed. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify the sender by return e-mail and destroy this message in its entirety (including all attachments). From: Melson, Kenneth F. ATF **Sent**: Wed Aug 18 20:46:28 2010 Subject: Re: Phoenix--Grit Rollout Aug 26th. The 7:00 flight sounds fine if it gets us there in time for the press conference. I think I need to return right after the press conference to DC. We have to drive up with my son and the dogs to a water trial. Ken NOTICE: This electronic transmission is confidential and intended only for the person(s) to whom it is addressed. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify the sender by return e-mail and destroy this message in its entirety (including all attachments). ATF From: To: Melson, Kenneth E ATF Sent: Wed Aug 18 12:38:22 2010 Subject: Phoenix--Grit Rollout Aug 26th. Sir, I was thinking of putting you on a direct 7am Flight on the day of the press conference. It gets you in at 9am. There are no direct flights on Wednesday evening—just connecting. On the way back ATF has said you need to be off for a few hours on Friday. The first direct flight out of Phoenix is 8:00 am and it doesn't get you into DCA until 4pm. The other option is to leave phoenix immediately after the press conference and return to DCA on a 2:15pm flight that gets you back here at 11pm. Additionally ATF tated that we can fly you into PA on Friday, if your wife can pick you up at the airport. We will check flights there if you think that's an option. Thanks! ATF

Sent: Monday, August 23, 2010 3:55 PM

M.; McMahon, William G. ATF To:

ATF CCL.

Subject: Re: Invitation to Attend ONDCP Director's Conference, Tucson, AZ. 9.02.10

Absolutely, be glad to. Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

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ATF From:

To: Newell, William D.; McManon, William G.

ATF

Sent: Mon Aug 23 15:44:50 2010

Subject: RE: Invitation to Attend ONDCP Director's Conference, Tucson, AZ. 9.02.10

Bill.

Ben Tucker, the newly confirmed DD for State, Local and Tribal Affairs for ONDCP, will be traveling with the Director for their Southwest Border trip next week. I would love to set up about an hour after the meeting on 9/2 in Tucson for you to be able to brief him on Gunrunner and ATF's SWB initiative. (Same brief you gave Kerlikowski last month.) Are you open and what do you think?

# **ATF**

Supervisory Special Agent ATF Liaison Executive Office of the President Office of National Drug Control Policy

From: Newell, William D.

Sent: Monday, August 23, 2010 3:29 PM

To: McMahon, William G.

ATF

Subject: FW: Invitation to Attend ONDCP Director's Conference, Tucson, AZ. 9.02.10

FYI. It's his third or fourth trip out here so we have it well covered. Just giving you a heads-up.

Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)

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From: Ed Gooderham RC-1

**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2010 12:12 PM

**To:** Newell, William D. **Cc:** Ed Gooderham

Subject: Invitation to Attend ONDCP Director's Conference, Tucson, AZ. 9.02.10

Attached hereto is a invitational letter to attend the ONDCP Director's Conference on Counternarcotics Strategy on September 02, 2010, for which we would appreciate an RSVP reply not later than August 26, 2010 so that we can advise ONDCP regarding the anticipated attendance.

Also attached are the Agenda and another read-ahead documents that you may find useful for the Conference.

Ed Gooderham
SWB HIDTA, Arizona Region
Operations Assistant
RC-1

Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2008 2:07 AM

To: Gillett, George T. Jr. Subject: Fw: Meet

Fyi Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge Phoenix Field Division RC-1

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From: Allen, Matthew C To: Newell, William D.

Sent: Tue Aug 12 21:04:20 2008

Subject: RE: Meet

Bill,

I agree that our ASACs should talk in advance of us getting together. I have told ASAC Angel Rascon in Tucson to expect George's call.

If you want to wait to schedule a meet when the ASACs have talked, I am fine with that.

Regards,

Matt

Marthaw C. Allen Special Agent in Charge

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From: Newell, William D. RC-1

Sent: Monday, August 11, 2008 9:34 PM

To: Allen, Matthew C Subject: Re: Meet

I'm free in the afternoon of Tuesday the 19th. I need to get some clarification from my folks tomorrow because I was told that your folks were aware of the plan to allow the guns to cross, in close cooperation with both our offices in Mexico as well as Mexican Feds. It might be worthwhile to have ASACs meet to clarify before our meeting. I will tell my ASAC to reach out to the one he dealt with in Tucson first thing tomorrow.

Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge Phoenix Field Division

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From: Allen, Matthew C To: Newell, William D.

Cc: Crocker, Richard L

Sent: Tue Aug 12 00:12:45 2008

Subject: Meet

Bill,

I have reported and wanted to check in with you to see if you are available early next week to meet with me and DSAC Rick Crocker from the Tucson office.

One of Rick's groups worked with your guys over the weekend on a ATF While we had both met in advance with the USAO, our agents left that meeting with the understanding that any weapons that were followed to the border would be seized. On Friday night, however, our agents got an op plan that stated that weapons would be allowed to go into Mexico for further surveillance by LEAs there.

This would be a very sensitive undertaking if this were to be done. Since this hadn't been discussed in advance and we had not had an opportunity to coordinate with our Attache in Mexico, we balked at the plan. The agents in Tucson were able to work it out over the weekend with the understanding that we would sit down to work out a long term way of dealing with these kinds of scenarios beyond this case.

Let me know how your schedule looks anytime on Tuesday the 19th and we can sit down to discuss this.

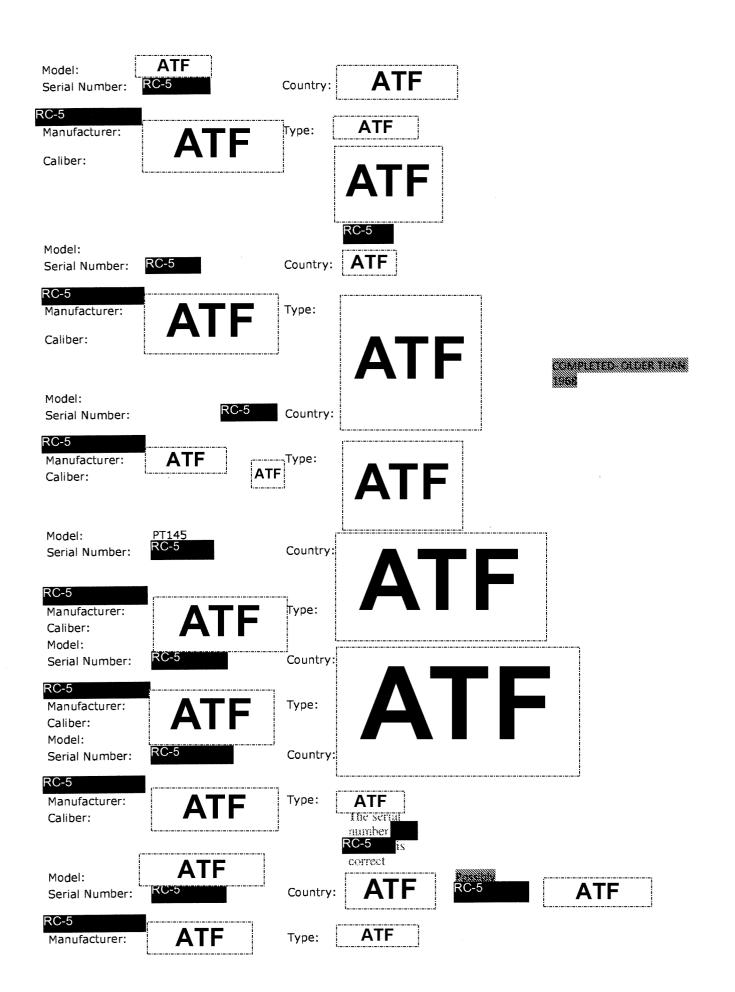
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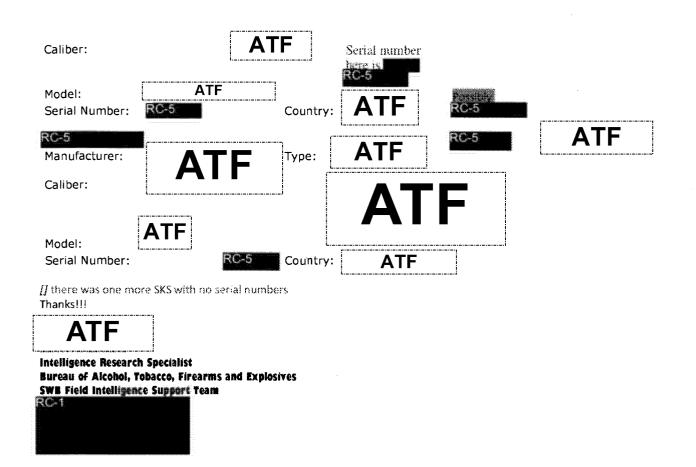
Matt

Matthew Allen
Office of Investigations
RC-1

From: ATF Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2010 7:37 AM To ATF Subject: FW: 1/8/10 Tijuana Seizure RFI
FYI- In re: 1-08-2010 Tijuana Seizure
From: ATF Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2010 7:16 AM To: ATF Subject: FW: 1/8/10 Tijuana Seizure RFI In regards to your ICE trace. I aiready sent the request out last week to ATF He was able to look at the guns. Please see Below.
There were 4 f/a linked to the PHX case so far I was going to resubmit the corrections for other incorrect traces that ICE did today.
From: ATF  Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 7:08 PM  To: ATF  Cc: ATF  Subject: FW: 1/8/10 Tijuana Seizure RFI
ATF I have annotated my corrections. Please let me know if you need more info. It appeared to me like 3 or 4 of the guns could be tied to the Phoenix trafficking case.  Il lose RC-5 Firearm Information
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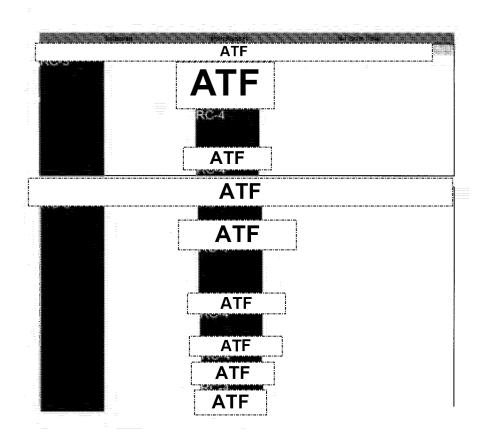


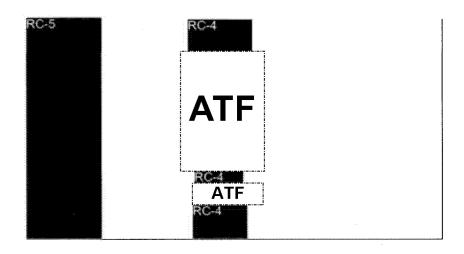


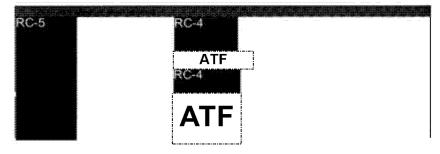
From: ATF
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 12:07 PM
To ATF
Subject: RE:
Sounds like fun. Fighting w/ ICE already huh? That didn't take too long.
ATF
Special Agent
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives <u>Los Angeles Field Di</u> vision, Glendale Group 1
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From: ATF
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 8:57 AM
To: ATF Subject: RE:
Lots going on, over 700 guns out the door, over \$400,000 in cash transactions to FFL, recoveries in Mexico, fighting with
ICE, etcgood news is that the USAO is on board for RC-3 matter of time. Get ready for Mexican firearms trafficking RC- when you get here or shortly thereafter.
Mich you get here of shortly thereafter.
Good times!
From: ATF
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 9:43 AM
To: ATF
Subject:
Hey ATF
I hope all is well on your end. How is the transition to life in Phoenix for you and your family going? I wanted to let you
know that my current SAC has ruled and I will NOT be authorized to take my current GOV with me when I report to
Phoenix. Just wanted to give you a heads up on that.
How are things in the group shaping up? Is our office space in the Division currently or have you guys already migrated
to DEA space?
ATF
Special Agent
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

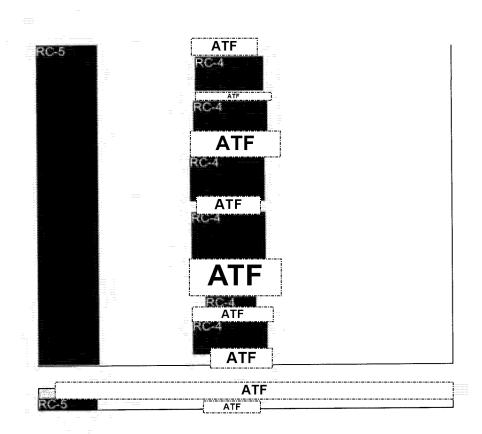
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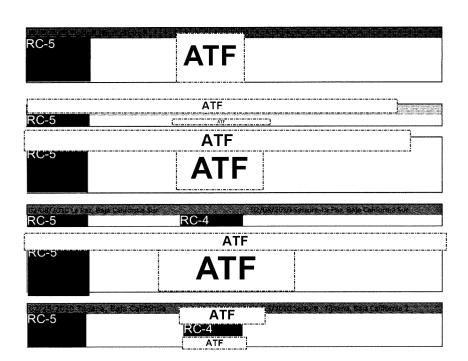
**ATF** From: Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 9:27 AM ATF Subject: RE: Ref Traces Attachments: mexican seizures.xlsx ATF 02/20/2010 Guasave, Mexico -Attached is a spreadsheet I made which has all the firearms related to 7851115-10-0004 straw purchasers. Hope that helps. From: Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 4:38 PM ATF Subject: FW: Ref Traces Just a little confusion over serial numbers, traces submitted, etc...can double check some of our data? Thanks! ATF Sept: Monday March 22, 2010 1:02 PM ATF To Subject: Ref Traces ATF Below are firearm serial numbers' that I cannot find any traces on them in E-Trace. I was not sure if they were traced yet. Just let me know. her firearms from seizure traced by RC-1 **ATF ATF** Other firearms from seizure traced by RC-1 RC-5 RC-5 Thanks,











From: Gillett, George T. Jr. Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 5:53 PM ATF Subject: RE: Bodies to El Paso ATF Thank you, From Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 12:10 PM To: Gillett, George T. Jr. Subject: RE: Bodies to El Paso ATF I think we are all good. Another thing I forgot to mention is that SA **ATF ATF** From: Gillett, George T. Jr. Sent: Monday, March 22, 2010 11:41 AM To: Cc: Subject: Re: Bodies to El Paso ATF Please let me know if you need additional support. Thank you, NOTICE: This electronic transmission is confidential and intended only for the person(s) to whom it is addressed. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify the sender by return e-mail and destroy this message in its entirety (including all attachments). ATF From To: Gillett George 1 Sent: Mon Mar 22 14:39:21 2010 Subject: Bodies to El Paso George, **ATF** We believe we are correct in that **ATF Group Supervisor** Phoenix Group VII RC-1

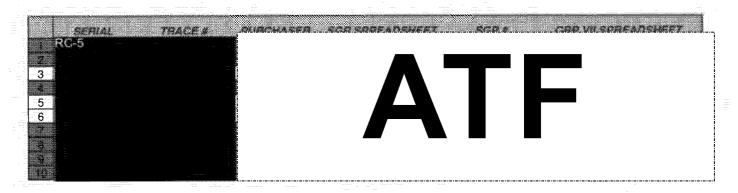
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To: A	F j		
CC:		ATF	
Subject: Su	spect Gun Inq	uiry 3/11/10	 

ATF

So those suspect guns that were supposedly seized on 3/11 were actually seized on 2/25/10. I've attached everything that's in the NFORCE seizure event. I will talk with ATF to figure out why they were supposedly seized on the 11<sup>th</sup> and to change the date on the trace. ATF ook a look at the F/A's as you will see in the section below. So mystery solved and another one opened.

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## 02-25-10 TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO FIREARM RECOVERY



NFORCE: 162080-10-0001

Title: DECOMISO - SEIZURE BULLETIN - 02/25/2010 - TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA

IRS: AIF

Date: February 25, 2010

Event: Elements with the Policia Estatal Preventiva (PEP), arrested four subjects with ties to Raydel

Lopez Uriarte "El Muletas" and Teodoro Garcia Simental "El Teo" Organization

Location: Along Laurel Street, inside of Colonia El Florido second section, in Tijuana, Baja

California

Case Number: Not Specified

Arrests:

Grining Crown Org. . Toodoya Carola Simontal "F

Criminal Group/Org.: Teodoro Garcia Simental "El Teo" Organization

Firearms/Explosives:

- 4 AK-47 7.62 $\times$ 39 caliber rifles
- 1 AR-15 .223 caliber rifle
- 2 5.7 caliber handgun
- 1 9mm handgun
- 1 .38 caliber handgun
- 1 .40 caliber handgun

### Magazines:

- 22 magazines, various caliber

### Ammunition:

- nearly 1,000 rounds, various caliber

## Tactical Equipment:

- 13 tactical vests

### Uniforms:

- 9 Police style uniforms with PGR and SEIDO logos

## Communication Equipment:

- 11 VHF/UHF radios, with Mexican Police frequencies programmed

Currency: N/A
Other Objects: N/A

Drugs: N/A Vehicles: N/A Synopsis: On February 25, 2010, Elements with the Policia Estatal Preventiva (PEP), arrested four subjects with ties to Raydel Lopez Uriarte "El Muletas" and Teodoro García Simental "El Teo" Organization along Laurel Street, inside of Colonia El Florido second section, in Tijuana, Baja California. Authorities seized 4 AK-47 rifles, 1 AR-15 rifle, 2 5.7 caliber handgun, 1 9mm handgun, 1 .38 caliber handgun, 1 .40 caliber handgun, 22 magazines, nearly 1,000 rounds, tactical gear, uniforms, and 11 radios with Mexican Police frequencies programmed.

#### SUMMARY OF EVENT:

Arrests and seizure of firearms by the Baja California State Police of a cell belonging to the "El Teo" Organization on February 25, 2010, in Tijuana, Mexico.

#### NARRATIVE:

On the above date, elements of the Baja California State Police arrested 5 members of a cell associated with the "El Teo" organization in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico.

This group was armed with the below described weapons and was allegedly on its way to murder the the Public Safety Secretary Lt Col.

State/Privacy when they were intercepted by the State Police (PEP). They were armed with five long guns and five handguns, vests and a large assortment of ammunition.

From the examination of the guns by SSA Wall, these appeared to be the same type of weapons that are coming out of the Phoenix, Arizona area and have been seen in other cases tied to groups loyal to "El Teo".

The following firearms were inspected:

Four of the guns are Romania, Romarm GP WASR 10/63 UP AK- 47 and were in good condition. The Importer, as in the others, is RC-5 RC-5 RC-5		been converted to fire full auto serial numbers: RC-5	
One is an Alexander Arms LLC, US Army Radford Arsenal, BEOWULF Cleveland, Ill, serial number obliterated	.50 caliber rifle, made on a Ro	ck River Arms LAR-15 receiver,	
Two are FN HERSTAL 5 7 semi-auto pistols, caliber 5.7mmX28mm, number the other RC-5	ATF	one obliterated serial	
One Ruger P94, 9mm pistol, serial RC-5 made in	ATF		
One EAA Witness, caliber .38 super, semi-auto pistol, serial number	RC-5 , made in Italy	ATF	
One Smith and Wesson, Model 39-2, 9mm semi-auto pistol, serial number RC-5			
The subjects also had five ballistic vests and tactical gear such as ha ammunition for all the firearms.	lsters and magazine carriers A	long with a large assortment of	

ATF

Intelligence Research Specialist Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives SWB Field Intelligence Support Team

The subjects were arrested at the corner of???

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From: ATF Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2010 11:13 PM To: ATF Subject: RE: Surveillance needs
ATF
I will have to check with the fixed wing crew in the morningthey're gone for the night.
Most of the squad is helping with ATF I will check with them to see if they can help you out. In som way, shape or form, I'm sure we'll be able to get you the help you'll need.
Call me on my cell RC-1 if you need to get a hold of methx!
From ATF RC-1
Sent: Thu 4/15/2010 3:36 PM  To: ATF  Subject: Surveillance needs
ATF
RC-3 all that being what it is ATF
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Are your Phoenix Officers available to assist tomorrow?
2. Is you air support available to assist tomorrow?
Thanks,
ATF
Group Supervisor
Phoenix Group VII RC-1

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From: Hurley, Emory (USAAZ) RC-1		
Sent: Tuesday. May 04, 2010 6:19 PM		
To: ATF	·····	
Subject: RE: Meeting with ATF		
ATF		
Tam not going to be able to make May 11. I shoul	d be clear May 13 and	14. Sorry about this, can we move it further
back in the week?	,	•
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From ATF ATF)		
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 3:11 PM	·	
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Subject: Meeting with ATF	ii	
To all,		
to an,		_
Per some previous e-mails from	<b>ATF</b>	Thas requested to meet with us regarding this
case. We have arranged a meeting ror.	<b>~ 1 1</b>	
Tuesday, May 11, 2010 @ 3:00 pm, location - SGG	×.	
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I hope this works for everyone. Thanks!		
ATF		
Group Supervisor		
Phoenix Group VII		

From: ATF RC-1

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 04, 2010 4:52 PM

To: ATF Subject: Re: Meeting

ATF

I am back intown and my week is a bit like yours... do you have any openings next week?

ATF

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From: ' ATF RC-1

Date: Mon. 3 May 2010 13:54:46 -0400 To: ATF 3C-1

To: ATF
Subject: Meeting

**ATF** 

To date I still have not received an acceptable date from the attorney that would work for his schedule. In an effort to not have this meeting in August may I suggest we just set a date and inform him of the meeting, it may be our best hope. My week is actually a little bit crazy but Wednesday, May 5, 2010 anytime would work. We at the ATF appreciate your continued support in our mission and look forward to meeting with you.

Regards,

ATF

Group Supervisor

Phoenix Group VII RC-1

ATF From: Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 4:50 PM ATF Subject: RE: Town Hall Meeting with Deputy Director on Thursday at 10 AM In the spirit of S/A ATF please define business professional dress. Special Agent - Bureau of ATF Phoenix Group VII RC-1 **ATF** From: Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 10:42 AM To: Phoe-Group VII; Subject: FW: Town Hall Meeting with Deputy Director on Thursday at 10 AM Please see attached message and plan on attending! ATF From: Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 10:31 AM To: Phoe-Group I; Phoe-Group II; Phoe-Group III (IO); Phoe-Group IV, Intell: Phoe-Group V: Phoe-Group VI (IO): Phoe-Group VII; GRIT Phoenix Agents; GRIT Phoenix Intel; GRIT Phoenix IOI; hoe-940Staff zar receases, parines res, comett, coeorge T. Jr.; Cook, Nancy F. Subject: Town Hall Meeting with Deputy Director on Thursday at 10 AM All supervisors, special agents, industry operations investigators, support staff, task force officers and GRIT personnel currently assigned to the Phoenix Metro Area are expected in the third floor (new) office space (201 E. Washington Street) for a Town Hall Meeting with Deputy Director Melson and Assistant Director Chait, on Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Dress is business professional. NOTE: There will be a meeting on Wednesday for Tucson Metro Area personnel. No satellite offices are expected to attend. Thank you. **Acting Division Operations Officer** U.S. veparment of Justice - ATF 201 E. Washington Street - RC-1 Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2428 RC-1

From: ATF

Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 1:55 PM

**To:** Phoe-CE Supervisors; Phoe-IO Supervisors **CC:** Cook, Nancy F.; Phoe-Group IV, Intell

**Subject:** Request Submissions for SWB Briefing Paper **Attachments:** SWB Briefing Paper - June 1, 2010.docx

Supervisors,

Please reply with any submissions you might have by C.O.B. Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup> for the SWB Briefing Paper. Please include the case number and title. Please only submit cases that have updated information included. I have attached the last briefing paper for your review.

Thank you.

ATF
Acting Division Operations Officer
U.S. Department of Justice - ATF
201 E. Washington Street - RC-1
Phoenix Arizona #5004-2428
RC-1

## LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE

# Southwest Border Initiative (Project Gunrunner)

# **Biweekly Update**

June 1, 2010

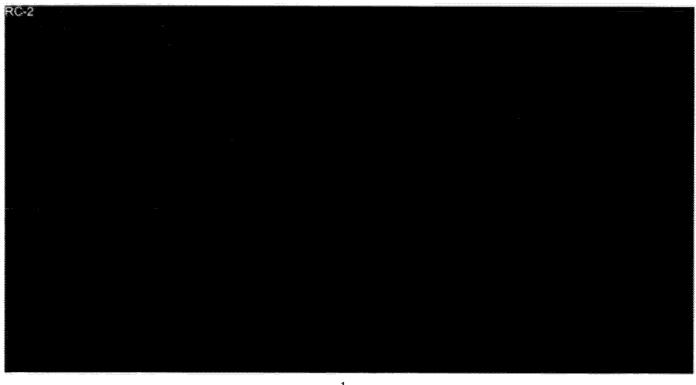
The following is a biweekly update on significant events related to the Southwest Border Initiative. The information is collected from the different ATF offices involved in this initiative and intended for ATF use only.

## FIELD OPERATIONS

## **DALLAS FIELD DIVISION**

**Investigations:** 

# El Paso Field Office

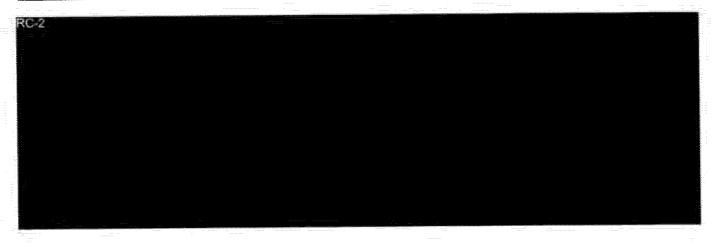


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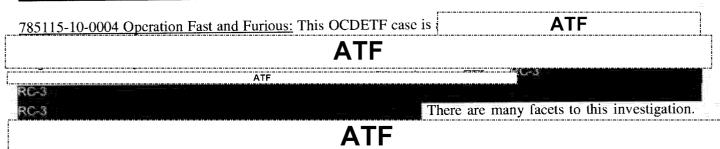
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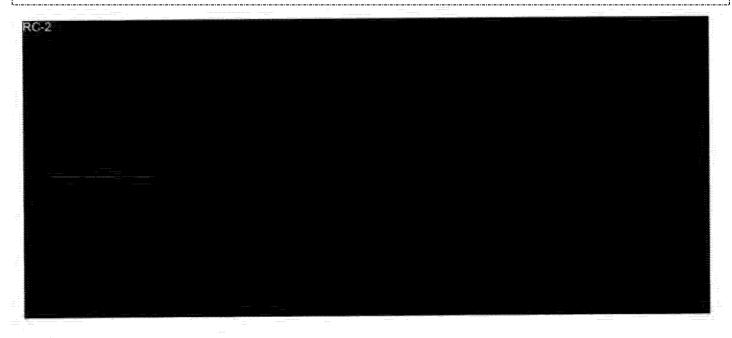
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# Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force)





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HOGR ATF - 002443

From: Newell, William D. Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 8:38 PM ATF To: Subject: Re: ATF update with photos from last Friday I love it - "guns, what guns? Oh, those guns..". Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM) NOTICE: This electronic transmission is confidential and intended only for the person(s) to whom it is addressed. If you have received this transmission in error, please notify the sender by return e-mail and destroy this message in its entirety (including all attachments). ATF From To: Newell, William D. **Sent**: Thu Jun 24 20:27:48 2010 **Subject:** ATF pdate with photos from last Friday ATF Last Friday, June 18, 2010 driving South on I-10 towards Tucson. They had 10 firearms purchased by ATF in the truck with them that they were "unaware of."

Group Supervisor Phoenix Group VII RC-1

From: Newell, William D.  Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2010 10:19:45 PM  To: ATF  Subject: Re: SIR
Great job, please convey my thanks to all involved. Also, I am asking HQ for money to extend those detailees that want to stay. Money is only one issue though, the other is their SACs may not approve and I won't push that with them if they don't.  Bill Newell  Special Agent in Charge  ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)
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From: ATF  To: Significant Activity Report Cc: Needles, James R.; Newell, William D. Sent: Thu Jul 08 22:15:23 2010 Subject: SIR
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION REPORT
DATE: July 08, 2010 FROM: Phoenix Field Division FIELD OFFICE: Phoenix VII Field Office
CASE INFORMATION
CASE NUMBER: 785115-10-0004  CASE TITLE: ATF  SPECIAL AGENT: TELEPHONE NUMBER: RC-1
SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:
Recovery of ten (10) WASR 7.62 caliber rifles.
NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:
On July 8, 2010 RC-3
ATF

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	The vehicle was towed and an inventory		
search conducted.	ATF		
were recovered by ATF agents as part o	of this investigation. [ ATF		
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**ATF** From:

Sent: Tuesday, July 06, 2010 11:36 AM

To: Phoe-CE Supervisors; Phoe-IO Supervisors CC: Phoe-Group IV, Intell; Cook, Nancy F.

Subject: Request for SWB Briefing Paper Submissions Attachments: SWB Briefing Paper - June 28, 2010.docx

Supervisors,

Please reply by noon Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> with any submissions you might have for the SWB Briefing Paper. I will use the investigation narratives (related to GRIT cases) for this week's GRIT report, as well. Please remember to include any SWB liaison functions. I have attached the latest paper for your review.

Thank you.

RC-1

ATF Acting Division Operations Officer U.S. Department of Justice - ATF

201 E. Washington Street - RC-1

Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2428

HOGR ATF - 002447

From: ATF		
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 8:20 PM		
To: ATF		
CC: ATF Voth, David J.		
Subject: RE:		
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I am not sure if you are referring to firearms from the US in ger	neral or fireastos relatad to our case. We was	re not aurare
of any firearms related to our case being used in any homicide		
the reports because this is information that we do not have.	and the state of t	CI W CI DUCTU
Thank you,		
ATF		
From ATF		
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 5:14 PM To ATF		
Subject: Re:		
When r u guys taking that case down? Some of those guns hav	ve been used in homicides here.	
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To: ATF		
Cc: ATF		
Sent: Wed Jul 28 20:11:12 2010		
Subject: RE: ATF		
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you for the offer though.	·	33103(16)
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Thanks,		
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From ATF		
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 3:29 PM		
To:  ATF Subject: RE:		
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will keep trying, the only way they might bring that gun here is	s if I tell them a little about the case	
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From: ATF		***************************************
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 5:21 PM		
To: ATE		

## Subject: RE:

Ha ha...I don't know about that. I got a lot of time left before that ever happens. I am still anticipating celebrating the completion of the required 3 yr probation period on August 19<sup>th</sup>. © Thank you for checking though. I appreciate it.

From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 3:08 PM
To: ATF
Subject: RE:

By the time the red tape clears to move that gun, u will be the director. The area where it's at is in the heart of Sinaloa Cartel country, nobody from the USG is going there. A picture is all we can do

From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 5:03 PM
To: ATF
Cc: ATF
Subject: RE:

Okay. This one would be a good f/a recovery to be able to present at trial. Any possibility that they will retain it until we are able to examine it or move it to a safer location for examination?

Thanks,

ATF

From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 2:51 PM

To: ATF
Cc: Subject:

ATF

The 50. Cal that was recovered is in an area of Mexico that's unsafe for USG travel. In other words it's too dangerous for us to go there and look at it. The military is sending us pictures.

ATF
Assistant Country Attache, Mexico City

From: ATF
Sent: Wadaaday Luly 28, 2010 1-22 DM
To: ATF
Subject: FW: Barrett ( ATF
<u> </u>
Here's the email chain.
ATF
Special Agent Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
Phoenix Field Division - Group VII
RC-1
From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 10:27 AM
To: ATF
Subject: Re: Barrett (
Ok good stuff
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of guns from the suspects in this case.
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Special Agent————————————————————————————————————
Phoenix Field Division - Group VII
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From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 10:19 AM To: ATF
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Subject: Re: Barrett ( ATF
How many 50 cals did this guy buy? Is he still buying guns? And r u guys taking off any guns before they get here.

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Sent: Wednesday July 28	2010 10:04 AM	
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Subject: RE: Barrett (	ATF	
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When are u guys going to tal	ce mese 8042 down.	
From: ATF		
From: AIF Sent: Wednesday July 28, 2	i 2010 11:56 AM	
TO ATF	1010 11:30 AM	
Cc: \	ATF	
Subject: RE: Barrett	ATF	
AIF		
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numerous other investigative	e techniques.	
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What types of information c	an we provide for you? Please let us know so	that we can get you what you need.
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From: ATF Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 1 To: ATF Cc: ATF Subject: Barrett ( ATF  ATF can you please send out a re Requestor: ATF Office 785115 PHOENIX FD GROUP VII 201 E WASHINGTON ST STE 9 PHOENIX, AZ 85004 (602) 776-5400 PHONE Ext: (602) 776-5479 FAX Agent First Name: Agent Badge No.: ATF Case No.:	1:05 AM	ATF	
Trace number RC-5	ATF		
Suspect gun namber RC-5			

Thank you.

From: Larson, Brian (USAAZ) RC-1

Sent: Friday, July 16, 2010 3:33 PM

To: ATF

Subject: Re: PGR document

Thanks.

From: ATF ATF)

**Sent**: Friday, July 16, 2010 03:18 PM

**To**: Larson, Brian (USAAZ) **Subject**: PGR document

Brian,

Off of that PGR document I gave you a copy of today. We had 5 firearms on that document off of our Fast & Furious OCDETF case (Emory is AUSA.)

Just thought I would let you know,

ATF
Group Supervisor
Phoenix Group VII

From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 6:03 PM
Tot ATF
Subject: FW:
Attachments: EL NAVAJAS.ppt
This relates to the big shootout two weeks ago in Sonora. Two rival DTOs went at it, Sinaloa and Juarez I
believe. Maybe ATF has more details. I told ATF
ATF Feel free to let ATF know more details.
Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)
RC-1
From: ATF
From: AIF Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 2:50 PM
To: Newell, William D.
Subject: FW:
Bill at least one gun recove <u>red in this shootout comes back to ATF case. What</u> 's the status. I anticipate questions
from the GOM and Ambo. ATF
All
From: RC-1
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 12:10 PM
CC: ATF
Subject:
Pictures on the shooting. The weapons are the ones I requested for trace on the previous e-mail.
Thanks
RC-1
Mexico City, Attaché
ICE Representative
RC-1

ATF From: Sent: Wednesday, Sentember 01, 2010 9:16 PM ATF To: Subject: RE: DCN Requests I'll plan on being there tomorrow, although Friday I need to go down to Tucson and qual. Then I'll be back full time next week. I have a few cases to wrap up in Tucson, but nothing to big at all. **ATF** From: Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2010 5:53 PM To: ATF Subject: RE: DCN Requests We look forward to your arrival, I already have cases for you. If you want to grab them to start looking at them etc. I know you are helping ATF Ith Fast and Furious and that is the priority but if you get any down time guns keep flying off the shelves and somehow ending up in Mexico...go figure. Any anticipated dates for your arrival? I need to get you your DEA building pass/photo. Thanks ATF From: Sent: Wednesday September 01, 2010 5:44 PM **ATF** To: Subject: DCN Requests ATF I just submitted 2 DCN requests – the first was for August (thought I'd done but hadn't it looks like). The 2<sup>nd</sup> is only for the next 11 days. Then I won't submit any more DCN requests for ATF case, but I sure was going to try and milk it for what I could. From Sept. 12-25 I'm in California for training as a Crisis Negotiator. I'm also going to put in for sick time this week - the Dr. thinks I have food poisoning from something I ate last weekend, but should be in tomorrow. At least I didn't get as sick as Frank. Thanks a million for supporting me coming to Group 7. I'm really excited! **ATF** Special Agent, ATF

300 W. Congress, Rm.8-Y Tucson, Arizona 85701