Phoenix Field Division Phoenix Group VII (SWB Group) Briefing Paper on: 785115-10-0004

Background

 This investigation has currently identified more than ATF individual connected straw purchasers. More suspects are being identified as the scope of the investigation expands. The straw-purchase suspects currently identified are associated with one another through

(September 2009 – present) this group has purchased in excess of 650 firearms (mainly AK-47 variants) for which they have paid cash totaling more than \$350,000.00.

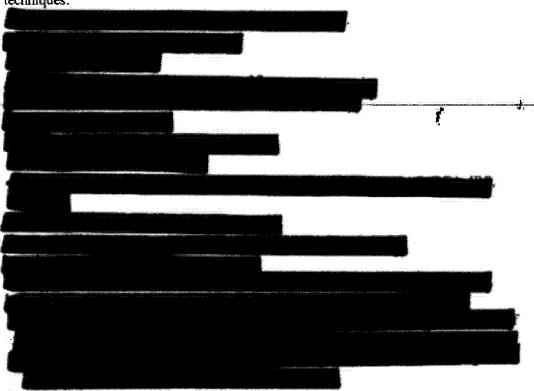
2. To date there have been five (5) notable seizure events connected with this group, and approximately 53 firearms originally purchased by this group have been recovered. Three of these seizures have been in the Country of Mexico, one recovery in Douglas, AZ, and one recovery in Nogales, AZ. The U.S. recoveries were both believed to be

destined for Mexico.



Investigative Techniques Used to Date

6. To date in this investigation we have utilized numerous proactive, advanced investigative techniques:



Strategy

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	furtherance of this investigation. ATF					
	formal OCDETF proposal is completed and will be presented on January 26, 2009, in					
	OCDETF strike force. ATF Phoenix VII is the lead investigating enforcement group.					
7.	This investigation is currently being conducted in conjunction with the Phoenix DEA					

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9.	The ultimate goal is to co-conspirators of the DTO		d ATF	entify and prosecute all
r	co-conspirators of the Disc		AIF	
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10). This investigation is a Southwest			
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	Southwest Border Strategy to foc	us on investi	igations involving th	ne trafficking of firearms
	to Mexico. As such, Group VII c		omprised of ATF Sp	
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	Supervisor.			
1.1	. In order to conduct other groups and TFO to provide investigative priorities, of the agents in Group VII is on I		odies. If those ager	If one or more
12	2. It is hereby respectfully requested aiding/assisting in this investigation		onal bodies be broug	ht in for the purpose of The
	(especially of the	ATF	CONTRACTOR SERVE	en requesterronnered by
	targets of this investigation.)	,		