# **Southwest Border Initiative** (**Project Gunrunner**)

# **Biweekly Update**

January 11, 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**

781035-09-0059 El Indio/Paulino	Firearms Traffickin	g Organization:	Bureau of	Elmmigration	and Customs
Enforcement has approved		ATF		tc	identify members
Enforcement has approved of a firearms trafficking ring engage	aged in firearms smu	ggling into Mex	ico.		
781035-09-0058	ATF	On 12/17/200	9,	ATF	
plead guilty to 18 USC 922(g)(5)	(B) – non immigrant	alien in possess	sion of ami	munition.	······································
781035-08-0050 <b>ATF</b>	and Associates	: On 1/05/2010,	SAs	ATF	seized an ATF F
781035-08-0050 <b>ATF</b> 4473 filled out by <b>ATF</b>	a suspected straw	purchaser. SA	ATF is	preparing to s	ubmit <b>ATF</b>
for prosecution after she provided	d false statements dur	ring a proffer in	terview.		
781035-09-0061 Stray Bullet: SA	A ATF through, A	TF IO ATI	is att	tempting to ge	et ordering and
shipment records from cheaperth	andirt.com for	<b>ATF</b> a	B1/B2 vis	a holder belie	ved to be
supplying firearms parts, accesso	ries and ammunition	to the Beltran L	.eyva DTC	).	
Fort Worth Field Office					

Update as of 01/07/2010 Fire and Ice Investigation:

(Both INVs: 781040-08-0110 and 781040-09-0021 are tied together and the 09-0021 investigation is a spin-off investigation from the 08-0110 investigation. The

below cited information is applicable to both ongoing investigations).
One of the <u>defendants who was</u> arrested on October 21, 2009, as part of the operation entitled "Project Coronado," ATF was convicted on January 5, 2010, by a federal jury in Fort Worth of firearms and ammunition smuggling. "Project Coronado" was part of a nationwide crackdown on the violent drug cartel La Familia, which resulted in the arrest of more than 300 individuals nationwide, and approximately 100 individuals locally.
ATF of Fort Worth, faces a maximum statutory sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. He is scheduled to be sentenced by U.S. District Judge John McBryde on April 30, 2009.
The seven below-named defendants were indicted with ATF on firearms smuggling and related charges.  ATF remains a fugitive; the remainder have pleaded guilty to their roles in the conspiracy, and are awaiting sentencing.
ATF
ATF of Fort Worth
ATF of Arlington, Texas
ATF of Fort Worth
ATF would purchase firearms to export them to ATF and the La Familia Drug Trafficking Organization in Mexico. So as to avoid drawing undue suspicion to himself, ATF recruited other individuals to purchase firearms on his behalf, paying them for purchasing the guns and turning them over to him.
After ATF had a falling out with La Familia, ATF assumed leadership responsibilities from ATF When ATF had firearms ready to be taken to Mexico, he would drive his vehicle to a public location, and once there, the vehicle would be driven away by other members of the conspiracy to a ranch in Cleburne, Texas. This five-acre property was surrounded by a fence, with an interior privacy fence, and occupants of the ranch conducted frequent patrols of the property. Once the weapons were taken to the ranch, they were unloaded to await shipment to Mexico. ATF vehicle was then returned to him.
The government presented evidence at trial that the La Familia Drug Trafficking Operation was having firearms smuggled to Mexico in order to arm their personnel in Mexico. On December 20, 2008, ATF and others drove in a car caravan toward the Mexican border. Approximately 25 miles from the border, they were stopped by law enforcement. A search of a 1999 Chevrolet van that was part of the caravan revealed 33 firearms concealed inside the lining of the van's walls and ceiling and approximately 9,000 rounds of ammunition.
Assistant IJS Attorneys Joshua T Burgess and I

Michael Worley are in charge of the prosecution.

The ATF Fort Worth Field Office SWB investigations remain a priority for this office. As referenced in the last update, ATF and DEA personnel are working together and sharing information. An investigative team has been formed and consists of ATF, Fort Worth Police Department, DEA, and the Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal Division. The Ad Hoc Task Force will focus its resources on identifying and dismantling of the remaining members of La Familia, a Mexican Drug Cartel organization that is responsible for the illegal trafficking of firearms/narcotics, violent crimes committed within our area of jurisdiction and who remain active in the North Texas area.

# **Dallas Group III**

781015-08-0011 The FN Connection: Grand Jury is scheduled for 1/12/10. Seven are to be indicted.

#### **HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION**

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782095-09-0004

#### **Houston IX**

<b>ATF</b> a	dmitted to straw p	urchasing 14 Fabr	ique Nacional (F	FN) 5.7X28mm pistols for	ATF
	ouston based narco	otics dealer.	ATF	admitted to purchasing admitted at ATF residence	cocaine from
AIF and	agreed to assist A	ΓF. A consent sea	rch was conduct	ted at ATF residence	and resulted in
the seizure of	additional firearr	ns, 55 rounds of at	mmunition, \$4,9	00.00 in U.S. currency, 5 kil	lograms of
packaged coca	ine and 12.3 gram	s of crack cocaine	. ATF	is cooperating with ATF/D	EA on his
	rcotics trafficking			-	
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Laredo Field	<u>Office</u>				
<u>782080-10-002</u>	20 AIF	On Sunday, D	ecember 27 <u>, 2</u> 00	9. Agents with ATF were co	ontacted by
Officers with I	LPD to assist in the	e investigation of [	ATF	, a previously convict	ted felon who
was found to b	e in possession of	RG .22 caliber rev	volver Model RC	G 14. ATF a pre	eviously
convicted felor	n and member of the	ne Mexican Mafia	, was booked in	on state charges pending fee	deral indictment.
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782080-10-00	19 <b>AT</b> I	F On M	Ionday, Decemb	er 28, 2009, Agents were co	ntacted by
Deputies in Za	pata County to ass	ist in the investiga	ation of	ATF	a
previously con	victed felon and il	legal alien who w	as found to be in	possession of a .40 caliber	Glock pistol,
Model 23, SN# FPM735. ATF   admitted to agents that he was a member of the Mexican Mafia and had					
entered back into the United States illegally.					
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782080-10-002	21 <b>ATF</b>	On Wednesday	, December 30,	2009, Agents responded wit	th the U.S.
		redo, TX. The Ma	arshals were atte	mpting to locate an ATF def	fendant identified
as ATF	a previously c	onvicted felon wh	no was found to l	be in possession of three sets	s of stolen body
armor ATE	admitted to A a	ents that he was at	tempting to sell	the hody armor	

ATF

ATF et al: On Wednesday, December 30, 2009. Agents with ATF went with U.S. Marshals to ATF in an attempt to locate ATF fugitive ATF, a previous convicted felon and member of the Sinaloa Drug Cartel. Once inside the residence, Agents arrested ATF and another individual identified as ATF a suspected illegal alien. Agents recovered three firearms as well as plastic cellophane where money had been wrapped, cocaine and marijuana.
San Antonio II (IO)
782065-2010-0068 PSWBI Lazar Enterprises: While conducting a firearms compliance inspection at Lazar Enterprises, dba, Handy Super Pawn a referral was generated for subject ATF Three purchases made by subject ATF in August and September 2009 were noted as out of character purchases. The two .223 receivers (DPMS, A15) and one Para, GI Expert, .45 pistol, were purchased via the internet and bought through the subject FFL. A third receiver purchase was cancelled by subject ATF when FFL owner against the law. A refund of the \$20 transfer fee was offered over the phone to buyer ATF but she declined it. This issue was conveyed to Waco LE by phone. A/S ATF had recently received an e-mail from S/A ATF about an active duty Army soldier named ATF who was under investigation for manufacturing .223 rifles in the Killeen area. Subject ATF told FFL employees that ATF was active duty Army.
LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION
No new updates provide for this period.
PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION
Investigations:
Phoenix Group I
785041-09-0015 ATF This Phoenix based organization is purchasing AK 47s and trafficking them to San Luis, Mexico. Per an ATF source of information, members of this organization traffic the weapons into Mexico by "zip tying" them to the undercarriage of vehicles. ATF has purchased three of the trafficked firearms in the Yuma area through ATF The firearms recovered have had less than a two week time to crime. ATF has been identified as the ring leader of this organization. To date, six suspected straw purchasers working for ATF have also been identified.
Phoenix Group VII
785115-10-0004 ATF et al: This case is a large scale conspiracy that includes fifteen straw purchasers of firearms. Since September 2009, the group has purchased over 650 firearms; most of which are
the AK-47 variant 7.62 assault rifles and or the F.N. 4  INTERNAL USE ONLY
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Herstal 5.7 mm pistols. To date, approximately 53 crime guns have been recovered in Mexico or near the United States/Mexico Border. The time-to-crime on recovered firearms is consistently short with some surfacing in only one day. ATF special agents continue to coordinate with the DEA regarding their current T-III as it affects this investigation. Phoenix Group VII is working with the U.S. Attorney's Office to secure an ATF sponsored T-III targeting conspirators within this group. ATF special agents served grand jury subpoenas to MySpace and authored Pen Registers on target telephones. Toll records analyzed reveal members of this group have high frequency calls to/from one another and to various FFLs.

Tucson Group I
786065-10-0021 ATF On December 21, 2009, Tucson Field Group I discovered two
Tucson gang members traveled to Glendale, Arizona to purchase four AK-47 pistols from AK Trading
Company. ATF were located and interviewed.
informed special agents that his residence was burglarized and his pistols were stolen.
had not reported the burglary to the Tucson Police Department. ATF   told agents that his AK-47
pistols were at ATF residence, which is the address he used on his ATF Form 4473. Follow-up
at ATF residence disclosed ATF hadn't lived with them for more than one year. The
at ATF residence disclosed ATF hadn't lived with them for more than one year. The morning following his claim that the pistols were stolen, ATF revealed he "found" his pistols. ATF
was contacted by telephone to arrange a meeting with special agents. Unknowingly, ATF forgot to hang up
his telephone properly and electronic surveillance recorded his subsequent conversation with ATF
where they discussed what story they would tell ATF about the pistols. Special Agents seized the four AK-47
pistols pending further investigation. On their respective ATF F 4473, ATF
ATF This case will be presented to the U.S. Attorney's Office for prosecution.
Tucson Group II  785065-09-0010 ATF Since October 2009, ATF has been working to develop information received that is trafficking firearms to the San Carlos Marina, in San Carlos, Mexico. He is suspected of using boats temporarily parked at Marco Crane & Rigging in Tucson, Arizona that are awaiting transportation into Mexico. It is alleged that during the night, Mexican nationals secrete firearms in those boats. The boat owners might not be aware their boats are being used in this firearm trafficking scheme. It is suspected that drugs are being smuggled when the boats return from Mexico into the United States. These boats are all transported by tractor trailers. ATF in November has documented, at least, six boats moving through Marco Crane. To date, no movement of firearms has been observed. Surveillance is being
worked jointly between ATF and ICE.
Analysis of trace results on a March 12, 2009 seizure in Caborca, Sonora, Mexico of seven AK-47 type rifles, four AR-15 type rifles, one .50 caliber machine gun, one Browning pistol and three Beretta pistols led Tucson II special agents to ATF and, later ATF  Both suspects reside in Tucson and have strong ties to Mexico. ATF has a home on the
coast in Mexico and is affiliated with the ATF in Guaymas, San Carlos, Mexico. Surveillance and
further investigation disclosed links between ATF to several crime figures and political
figures in Mexico. Both have made multiple purchases of firearms from various Arizona FFLs. Connections
are being explored that have surfaced between this case and the <b>ATF</b> Case, as well as

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investigations currently underway in the ICE office in Nogales.

# OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION

# **Significant Events Occurring This Period**:

On December 24, Mexico City El Universal reported that according to Tabasco Attorney General Rafael Gonzales Lastra, the massacre of the family of fallen marine ATF who died in the shootout with ATF was a concerted effort between the Zetas, who had an agreement with the Beltran Leyva Cartel, and police officers. Four suspects have been arrested.
On December 24, Mexico City El Universal reported that nine months after his appointment, President Felipe Calderon dismissed Jorge Tello Peon as executive secretary of the National Public Security System. This position will now be occupied by Juan Miguel Alcantara Soria, an attorney and former federal deputy for the National Action Party (PAN). Tello Peon played a key role in the creation of the Center for Investigation and National Security (Cisen), the Center for Planning in the Fight Against Drugs (Cendro), and the Federal Preventive Police (PFP), although he has been criticized for failing to prevent the prison break of drug trafficking kingpin
On December 25, Nogales El Diario de Sonora reported that two grenades were tossed at the Eighth District Court Office in Ciudad Obregon, Sonora on the night of December 24. The attack left one dead and two wounded, caused structural damage to the building and damaged nearby vehicles.
On December 26, Mexico City El Universal reported that in the last decade, Mexico's drug-trafficking business became organized under six large criminal organizations that work in every state in the country. According to information from PGR, SSP and Sedena, those organizations are as follows: the Arellano Felix Cartel (or the Tijuana Cartel), the Juarez Cartel (or La Linea), the Sinaloa Cartel (or the Pacific Cartel), the Beltran Leyva brother's cartel, the Gulf Cartel and its armed Zeta group and La Familia Michoacana. The Arellano Felix Cartel is currently experiencing internal disputes; the Sinaloa and Juarez Cartels are at war; and so are the Zetas and La Familia Michoacana. The Gulf Cartel and La Familia are on another scale than the other cartels. The Gulf Cartel adopted paramilitary tactics—former military personnel made up the Zetas group and have now practically taken over the organization. La Familia Michoacana is a union of criminal groups untied in the name of deep-rooted tradition, family and religion. La Familia is unlike the other cartels and has become one of the most dangerous organizations in existence.
On December 29, Nogales El Diario de Sonora reported that Federal Police officers found a tunnel near the Dennis DeConcini international border crossing in Nogales. A few days earlier, U.S. authorities had found and closed the other end of the tunnel, which has presumably been used to transport drugs and illegal migrants to the U.S. The tunnel, which began in Mexico's sewage system, is 10 meters long and reaches 7 meters into U.S. territory. There were no arrests.
On December 31, PGR reported that ATF has been indicted and will remain in custody pending trial for possession of 20 grenades on the Reynosa-Pharr International Bridge in Reynosa. The grenades were found in a 1993 Chevrolet Suburban (Tamaulipas plates 660-TMV-8) driven by the

suspect.

On January 1, Mexico City El Universal reported that 2009 was the most violent year of the decade, with 7,724 deaths related to the federal government's war on drug trafficking and the war among cartels for control of territory. In December 2009, there were 842 murders—it was the most violent month in the last five years. The Army deploys 48,750 troops on average, monthly, to fight drug trafficking. In Chihuahua alone in 2009, there were 3,250 murders, most of them in Ciudad Juarez.

On January 1, Madrid EFE reported that Mexican drug traffickers in 2009 stepped up grenade attacks on police stations and military bases and armed attacks on police patrols, resulting in the deaths of 137 federal police officers.

On January 3, Ciudad Juarez Diario reports that Ciudad Juarez's agreement with the U.S.-based Crime Stoppers program went into effect at noon on January 2. The toll-free system allows callers to report crime or suspicious activity anonymously. The Spanish-language calls are received by operators in Toronto, Miami or Houston in an effort to maximize anonymity of Ciudad Juarez callers.

On January 4, Mexico City El Universal reported that ATF	
was placed in preventative custody for 40 days to investigate him for organized crime, money launderin	g,
bearing a firearm that is exclusively for the use of the Army, and any other charges that may arise. Acc	
to SIEDO, ATF was an important component in the ATF organization, but he does no	ot
appear in the list of rewards that was published last year, a lists that only includes his brothers	-
currently at large, and ATF killed in a shootout with special Navy forces on December 16.	
On January 4, Mexico City El Universal reported that since the death of ATF , the carte	l has
restructured itself around <b>ATF</b> who took command two weeks ago after the death of <u>ATF</u>	
ATF According to a Federal Police report, ATF has the complete support of ATF	ΓF
ATF  the main individuals in charge of the organization and trusted confidants of ATF  ATF	
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On January 7, Madrid EFE reported that Federal Police arrested a top lieutenant of drug lord ATF	
January 4. ATF has been linked to the killings of at least 40 members of the ATF organiza	on
January 4. ATF has been linked to the killings of at least 40 members of the ATF organiza	tion as
part of a purge ordered by the late kingpin, ATF	
Significant Seizure Events This Period:	
The Manieur Country of Defense released 2000 science statistics for color day year 2000. A courting t	- 41 <b>-</b> -
The Mexican Secretary of Defense released 2009 seizure statistics for calendar year 2009. According to	o ine
report, they made 8,392 arrests, freed 501 kidnap victims, seized 24,197 firearms, 718 tons 582kg of	_
marijuana, 2 tons 557 kg of cocaine, 71kg of heroin, 664 of opium paste, \$52,352,132 USD, \$96,403,38	5
Mexican pesos, 177 clandestine laboratories, 6,920 fand vehicles, 110 aircraft and 26 vessels.	
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On December 29, the Mexican Army arrested the Gulf Cartel's accountant  ATF  who answered directly to  ATF	
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ATF f one of the principal leaders of the cartel. Two men and two women were also arrested a	long
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On December 29, five men were arrested as they tried to run from a road block with 2 rifles, 2 pistols and more than 700 bullets. Various military and law enforcement uniforms were found in their vehicle in Mesa de Otay, Tijuana, Baja California.

On December 30, Federal Police arrested ATF in Culiacan, Sinaloa. Authorities seized 1 .45 caliber handgun, 1 .308 caliber handgun, 4 magazines, 62 rounds of ammunition of various calibers, several means of communication devices, and drugs.

On January 3, the Mexican Military arrested ATF on Augustin Lara St. in the Center neighborhood in the town of Cerralvo in Nuevo Leon. Montemayor is presumed to be the plaza boss in Sabinas Hidalgo, Nuevo Leon. A .223 rifle, magazine and 24 .223 rounds were seized, along with marijuana and rock cocaine. ATF was driving a Chevrolet Silverado with Texas plates. He was turned over to PGR.

On January 4, Mexico State Police arrested ATF head of security, ATF two other men, three minors, three loaded pistols, drugs, and cell phones in Mexico City.

On January 9, elements with the Direccion General de Seguridad Publica del Estado (DGSPE), arrested the alleged leader of "Los Zetas," responsible for the attack against state police on January 7, 2010, along with two minors and seized an arsenal in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco. Authorities seized 1 grenade launcher, 1 AR-15 type rifle, 1 AK-47 type rifle, 3 .38 Super caliber handguns, 3 9mm handguns, 1 .25 caliber handgun, 1 8mm handgun, several rounds of ammunition, magazines, cellular telephones, drugs, currency and vehicles.

# This reporting period:

- 7 Mexican seizure details provided for Suspect Gun Recovery
- 49 Mexican seizures identified in Open Sources/Seizure Files Open

(Contact EPIC for details on the above information.)

pistol, a Hummer and a Chrysler 300C were all seized.

# **Trace Requests for Mexico Recoveries:**

#### **FY 10 Trace Requests Thus Far:**

There were 30,089\* trace requests submitted involving Mexico recoveries between October 1, 2009 and January 4, 2010, of which 3,495 are pending

completion. The break down by agency is as follows:

•	Total Trace Requests by ATF	194
•	Total Trace Requests by DHS	198
•	Total Trace Requests by Mexico	29,697
•	Total Trace Requests From Other Agencies	0

<sup>\*</sup>These numbers do not include 11,144 duplicate traces.

#### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

# **Mexico City**

## Liaison, Training, Media, and Other SWB Interaction:

On December 28, MCO personnel met with U.S. Defense Attaché Colonel Daniel Alabre, to discuss the overall relationship between ATF and the Mexican Military. Colonel Alabre said that the Defense Attaché Office (DAO) thinks ATF is doing a great job in assisting the Mexican Military in regards to explosives/firearms recoveries and identification. Col. Alabre suggested that ATF publicize their successes to the Government of Mexico (GOM) more often.

On January 5, MCO personnel, along with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Secretary Assistant Tracy Bardoff, met with ATF the new SSP International Affairs Director, and personnel from SSP International Affairs. ATF topics discussed included reviewing eTrace information in Plataforma Mexico, the U.S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, straw purchasers, and firearms purchased at gun shows. ICE topics included the judicial issues concerning testimony in U.S. courts on firearms seized in Mexico. SSP topics included ATF and ICE liaisons and points of contact for SSP as well as training and equipment for the SSP Scientific Police laboratory.

The SSP International Affairs Director and four Scientific Police Chiefs would like to visit ATF, FBI and ICE facilities in the Washington, D.C. area in late January or early February. SSP would like to visit the ATF National Tracing Center and the Annandale laboratory as well as FBI and ICE laboratories in the area concerning Internet hacking and Child Exploitation, respectively. After this visit, SSP will identify personnel to receive training by ATF, FBI and ICE beginning in March.

On January 6, MCO personnel attended a meeting on money laundering issues between the United States Government (USG) and the Government of Mexico (GOM). The National Security Council (NSC) has tasked the Treasury Department to improve the method of how the USG and GOM are going to improve the investigation and seizure of money from money laundering activities between the U.S. and Mexico. The meeting was attended by the Post agencies to include: Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), Drug Enforcement (DEA), Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), ICE, FBI Legal Attaché (LEGAT) and the Narcotics Affairs Section (NAS). Also, the Chief of Mission (COM) and the Deputy

Chief of Mission (DCM) were in attendance.

The COM's observation included the legality of undercover (UC) bank accounts in Mexico. He wants to capture a bigger piece of the monies going between the U.S. and Mexico by using UC accounts and operations to help identify persons and trace money. The COM wants to move from the talking points and implement a real strategy from which to work. He wants to move into the billions of dollars in seizures rather than the millions. Also discussed was the attempt at trying to reform the Mexican money laundering laws. The current laws and the low 2-3% conviction rate do not lend much help in capturing illegal profits. OFAC will be sending out a draft of this issue.

## Monterrey

## Liaison, Training, Media, and Other SWB Interaction:

The Nuevo Leon State Attorney General Alejandro Garza y Garza has agreed to sign the ATF Spanish eTrace MOU. ATF Monterrey is waiting for the final MOU from the ATF National Tracing Center (NTC) in order to obtain the Attorney General's signature.

On January 4, MCO Monterrey personnel contacted the Monterrey Consulate office to reserve space and request logistical support for eight computers with internet access for the first week of February. ATF Monterrey is tentatively scheduling two days of Spanish eTrace training for the Nuevo Leon State PGJ and PGR personnel during this time period.

# **Investigative Assistance**:

# **Tijuana**

# **Investigative Assistance:**

MCO/Tijuana continues to work with Phoenix agents regarding the straw purchase of approximately 500 AK-47 type firearms (UI# 785115-10-0004) and has linked 47 firearms that were seized in Mexicali, Baja California, on December 10-11 to the Phoenix investigation. Tijuana Field Office Agents are also supporting the Phoenix Field Division case agent who has authored an OCEDTF request for the investigation by providing documentation necessary to link these firearms to the Sinaloa Cartel. Furthermore, the Tijuana Field Office agents are tentatively scheduling a coordination meeting for January 2010 between the Phoenix Field Division case agent and the Mexican Federal Attorneys (Ministerio Publico) in Mexicali and Hermosillo, Sonora. The purpose of this meeting would be to widen the scope of the investigation, assist the sharing of information between ATF Phoenix Field Division and Mexican authorities that could assist in the prosecution, as well as identify additional co-conspirators operating on both sides of the border.

On January 5, MCO Tijuana personnel met in	Hermosillo for a coordination meeting regarding a potential gun
trafficking investigation involving DEA and IC	CE in Hermosillo, and ICE and ATF agents from Miami Field
Division. The U.S. agents are working Operat	ion Safeguard, an ICE-led Internet operation targeting individuals
who may be trying to illegally procure defense	articles and munitions. This meeting stemmed from ATF
ATF in He	ermosillo who were tasked by the Sinaloa Cartel operating in
Sonora and Baja California to procure a firearr	ms 10
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source of supply in the United States to acquire .50 caliber rifles, M-203 grenade launchers and T-II weapons. Agents are going to task ATF to convince the suspects to log into an undercover website that was established under Operation Safeguard to lure subjects who are attempting to appropriate defense articles with the intent to unlawfully export them out of the U.S. The agents and ATF will attempt to get a "wish list" from the DTO. If this case is successful, agents are going to provide feedback on any telephone numbers, names, and locations they uncover during the investigation and pass it on to the Tijuana Field Office for further exploitation.

#### OFFICE OF TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

No new updates provide for this period.

#### **ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

No new updates provide for this period.