

**Southwest Border Initiative  
(Project Gunrunner)**

**Biweekly Update**

**February 8, 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**

781035-09-0012 [ATF] that was approved by the DEA was arrested for a Domestic Violence incident and subsequently deported. [ATF] to identify members of a firearms trafficking ring engaged in firearms smuggling into the Republic of Mexico.

781035-09-0055 [ATF] et al: On 1/31/2010, the defendant [ATF] was arrested in Cd. Juarez, Mexico, by Mexican authorities for possession of Morphine.

781035-10-0004 [ATF] DEA has identified an additional phone line and have begun monitoring this phone in furtherance of an on-going [ATF] investigation. ATF Special Agents are assisting in this investigation.

781035-10-0017 Operation Mexican Mafia: On January 24, 2010, [ATF] attended an organizational meeting or "church" meeting of the Mexican Mafia. [ATF] attended the meeting with the intent of gathering information pertaining to the planned transport of approximately 40 AK-47 type rifles from an unknown location in Oklahoma to El Paso, Texas. [ATF] has provided information that these rifles are intended to be smuggled into Juarez, Mexico. The transport and storage of the firearms is being handled by member(s) of the Mexican Mafia. After attending the meeting, [ATF] provided ATF agents with a list of members and their respective ranks within the organization.

**Fort Worth Field Office**

Update as of 02/03/2010 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).

The ATF Fort Worth Field Office SWB investigations remain a priority for this office. ATF and DEA personnel are working together and sharing information. Suspects in southwest Fort Worth have been identified as connected to defendants in this case. Surveillance and intelligence gathering continue to be conducted to determine if these subjects are engaging in transportation of guns, narcotics and money.

The Task Force continues to attempt to locate outstanding suspect, Kelvin Lake, who is believed to be in west Fort Worth, Texas. [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] are both believed to be in Mexico. The whereabouts of [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] are unknown. All of these subjects have arrest warrants entered in NCIC as a part of this investigation.

**Dallas Group III**

781015-08-0111 [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] On January 27, 2010, ATF Special Agent [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] brought two photo line-ups to Southwest Ammunition and Supply Company where a subject known to them as [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] had purchased over 120 firearms. One line-up contained a photograph of [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] and the other line-up contained a photograph of his brother [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] has been known to use the identification of [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] for the purpose of employment. Store employee [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] looked at both line-ups and stated that he was unsure, as it had been a long time since he last saw [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED]

S.A. [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] then met with the store owner, [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] who had both sold firearms to [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED]. Both line-ups were shown to them. Both [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] positively identified [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] independently of one another.

S.A. [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] re-opened the case and checked On-Line Lead for any new traces or multiple sales in the name of [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED]. No new multiple sales were reported; however, 13 new traces were discovered since the case was closed. Twelve of the firearms were recovered on December 24, 2006, with a ten day time to crime. This recovery occurred approximately two years before this investigation began; however, traces were not requested until November 5, 2009. The additional trace reflects a seizure in Acapulco on June 28, 2009, with a trace request on November 9, 2009.

A check of border crossings reflected that S.A. [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] previous request for a silent hit on all border crossings was not put into effect. The two most recent border crossings for [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] were August 21, 2008, at Lincoln-Juarez and November 6, 2008, at Laredo International Bridge.

According to S.A. [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] whereabouts in Mexico are known.

781015-08-0011 The FN Connection: Meeting with [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] on 1/5/10, to discuss his involvement with [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] was sent a target letter. Several of 2

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his firearms have a short time to crime and have been recovered in Mexico.

**HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION**

**Investigations:**

**Corpus Christi Field Office**

782020-10-0031 [ATF] On January 10, 2010, ATF was contacted by Texas DPS Highway Patrol, who stated a traffic stop had been conducted and during the course of the interview on the side of the road, both the driver and the passenger stated that there were three firearms in the vehicle. The firearms taken into ATF custody are described as two Bushmaster M4 .223 calibers and a Cobray M-11/Nine 9mm semi-automatic pistol. Also taken were 200 rounds of 9mm ammunition and 410 rounds of 7.62 x 39 caliber ammunition as well as 4 magazines for an AK-47 rifle. The driver ultimately admitted that the firearms were bound for Mexico. Both individuals were taken to the DPS Highway Patrol office where they were interviewed by ATF and DPS. Through the course of the interviews, information was obtained that the passenger pays an unknown number of persons to straw purchase firearms for the purpose of trafficking them to Mexico. As of January 29, 2010, it is believed that at least six individuals have purchased firearms as part of this illegal firearms trafficking organization. ICE Victoria is cooperating in this investigation. This investigation has resulted in the discovery of approximately 50 firearms that have been purchased in and around Houston, TX. The overwhelming majority of firearms purchased have been Bushmaster M4s. The firearms have all been entered into the Suspect Guns Database.

782020-08-0088 [ATF] ATF received notice that two additional firearms from [ATF] have been seized in Mexico. These two firearms had been entered into Suspect Gun Database.

782020-09-0087 [ATF] ATF has determined that [ATF] has received a total of 17 firearms from FFL Double Shot Liquor and Guns [ATF] since March 2008. One firearm recovered in this investigation was transferred to [ATF] personal collection in November 2008 and allegedly sold by [ATF] to a third party on or about January 2009.

**Houston V**

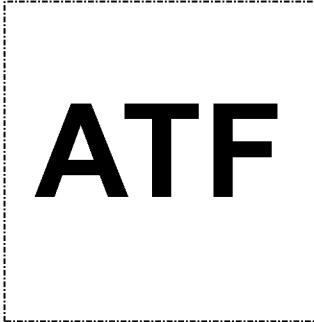
782025 07 0017 OPERATION ZEBRA: Operation Zebra is an ongoing investigation regarding a large-scale firearms trafficking organization operating in the Houston, Texas area. Twenty-three individuals were identified making multiple purchases of firearms. Some of these purchases were made through individuals (straw purchasers) who were receiving up to \$500 per transaction. Investigative efforts revealed that the firearms of choice were Bushmaster rifles, Beretta pistols and FN pistols and rifles. The organization made a total of 96 purchases (336 firearms) at a cost of \$367,419.54. Eighty-eight of these firearms have been recovered in Mexico and four have been recovered in Guatemala. In addition, the firearms recovered have been tied to the deaths of 18 law enforcement officers and civilians. Also, at least 37 gunmen have died.

According to cooperating defendants in this investigation, the firearm purchases were funded by Los Zetas and the firearms were supplied directly to [ATF] Thus far, 16 individuals have been charged with firearms trafficking violations. Thirteen 3

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of these individuals have pled guilty to Title 18 USC 922(a)(6) and during the week of January 18, 2010, eight were sentenced to the following:



- 8 months in custody followed by 3 years supervised release
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- 8 months in custody followed by 3 years supervised release
- 12 months in custody followed by 3 years supervised release
- 12 months in custody followed by 3 years supervised release
- 3 months in custody followed by 3 years supervised release

**Houston VIII**

782085-09-0026 [ATF] On February, 3, 2010, [ATF] was indicted by a Grand Jury in the Southern District of Texas. He is charged with 924 (a)(1)(a), making false statements to FFL.

**McAllen III Field Office**

782055-09-0061 [ATF] (transferred from Group I to Group III with the creation of the new group): On March 24, 2009, ATF initiated an investigation into the straw purchasing activities of a firearms trafficking organization involved in acquiring and trafficking firearms into Mexico. On January 29, 2010, the nine-month investigation culminated in the arrest of nine defendants for their involvement in a firearms trafficking organization with ties to "Los Zetas." ATF received information that this organization was one of the main suppliers of firearms to "Los Zetas" and had acquired over a hundred firearms from various sources. One defendant remains a fugitive.

782105-09-0012 [ATF] (transferred from 782105 GRIT to McAllen Group III with the creation of the new group): On January 20, 2010, ATF obtained an arrest warrant charging [ATF] with violations of 18 USC 924(a)(1)(A). During the course of the investigation, it was discovered that [ATF] had purchased approximately 70 guns, including 40 Century Arms .223 rifles from Katy Arms in Katy, Texas. On January 25, 2010, [ATF] was arrested by agents from the McAllen Group III Field Office.

782115-10-0017 Garcia's Firearm and Ammunition Store: On February 2, 2010, permission was granted to initiate an investigation of Garcia's Firearm and Ammunition Store (FFL # 5-74-215-01-3A-03077) after a [ATF] provided information that the owner of the FFL obtained the license to obtain firearms for trafficking to Mexico. To date, two suspects have been identified and a total of five firearms have been recovered in Mexico.

**LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION**

No new updates provide for this period.

**PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION**

**Investigations:**

**Phoenix Group VII**

785115-09-0003 [ATF] This approved ATF OCDETF investigation is being worked jointly with the DEA as part of the OCDETF Strike Force, in Phoenix. Currently, ATF Phoenix has assembled a variety of military grade props for use in the upcoming undercover enforcement action against a suspected Mexican cartel member. Stingers, LAW, AT-4, Dragon-fire, 40mm grenades and more have been readied. A meeting is scheduled this week between a suspected cartel member and an undercover ATF special agent for the purpose of obtaining "dirty" recorded conversation, to discuss price (both in U.S. currency and in narcotics) and to set up the future transfer of props in exchange for currency and narcotics. The transfer meeting will be an ATF buy/bust operation utilizing ATF SRT.

785115-10-0004 [ATF] et al: This case is a large scale conspiracy with more than 20 connected straw purchasers. Thus far in the investigation (September through present), the group has purchased over 850 firearms; most of which are the AK-47 variant 7.62 assault rifles and the F.N. Herstal 5.7 mm pistols. Approximately 150 of those firearms have been recovered in Mexico or near the Mexico border. This past week, members of this organization have purchased two .50 caliber rifles (Bushmaster and Barrett). They have questioned the FFL concerning how to obtain NFA machineguns. Last week, this case was presented by ATF and granted OCDETF status by the Phoenix committee who will forward the proposal to the Houston Regional Committee. ATF is continuing to receive data from five pen registers as part of this investigation, which overwhelmingly shows the connection amongst the straw purchasers and the FFLs. ATF is submitting the affidavit for a T-III audio intercept to the U.S. Attorney's Office for review and to the Office of Enforcement Operations for further review and approval.

**Tucson Group I**

785065-10-0029 [ATF] et al: At a gun show on January 16, 2010, ATF special agents witnessed [ATF] [ATF] straw purchase a handgun with 20 rounds of ammunition for [ATF] [ATF] is a Mexican Customs Agent from Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. [ATF] is a Mexican Consulate employee working in Douglas, Arizona. He was observed with [ATF] at the gun show. ATF special agents also witnessed [ATF] purchase a rifle and 40 rounds of ammunition from a private seller. The three subjects were contacted by ATF and subsequently abandoned the two firearms and 60 rounds of ammunition. A criminal case is pending.

785065-10-0030 [ATF] On January 17, 2010, Tucson Group I special agents working the Cross Roads Gun Show at the Pima County Fairgrounds observed four Hispanic males and a white male, later identified as [ATF] engaged in suspicious activity. ATF special agents conducted surveillance on the group throughout multiple stops. Suspects were approached and interviewed when they separated. At one residence, the Hispanic males were identified as [ATF] [ATF] and a Hispanic [ATF] A pat down search of [ATF] found he had a bundle of U.S. currency. U.S. Border Patrol and ICE were called to the residence and determined the four males and a female, who arrived later, were in the United States illegally. All were remanded to the custody of the U.S. Border Patrol. ATF identified and interviewed [ATF] at his residence. Initially, [ATF] denied any involvement in criminal

activity. Once confronted with the special agents' observations of [ATF] at the gun show with the others, he admitted he arranged marijuana deals for [ATF] through [ATF]. He said [ATF] was in Tucson to purchase 343 lbs. of marijuana. [ATF] said he had arranged several marijuana deals for [ATF]. Special Agents returned to [ATF] hotel room where they had previously followed him and confronted him. This time he was read his Miranda Rights. [ATF] consented to a search of his vehicle and hotel room and several items used to conceal narcotics were found. A Tucson Police Department Narcotics K-9 unit responded and alerted on the truck for the odor of narcotics. The Drug Enforcement Administration was notified and seized \$140,000 found in the consent search by ATF special agents. [ATF] [ATF] has two prior felony convictions for drug trafficking.

**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION**

**Significant Events Occurring This Period:**

On January 24, Mexico City EXonline reported that, according to a recent Sedena report, eight organized crime groups in Mexico have formed two big blocs to try to gain control of drug trafficking. The Sinaloa Cartel, led by [ATF] has formed an alliance with La Familia Michoacana, along with the remnants of the Milenio Cartel and an offshoot of the Tijuana Cartel—led by [ATF]. The other bloc is composed of a group of criminal organizations that include the Beltran Leyva Cartel, the Juarez Cartel, Los Zetas and the Tijuana Cartel.

On January 26, Guadalajara El Informador reported that a man and a woman were arrested in Jalisco State for possession of five fragmentation grenades. They are [ATF]. [ATF] Police officers found the grenades after searching their Highlander truck, near the town of La Quemada.

On January 27, Mexico City Proceso reported that ten suspected members of the Los Pelones gang, believed to work for the Beltran Leyva organization, were arrested at two safe houses in Emiliano Zapata, Morelos. The suspects could be linked to at least three murders that have occurred recently in the La Palma Ranch (see Significant Seizure Events section for more information).

On January 30, Tijuana Periodico Frontera reported that California and Mexican authorities took out ad space on several billboards in Tijuana with photographs of seven suspects wanted by both countries. The suspects are identified as [ATF]. [ATF] The billboards include phone numbers to contact authorities on both sides of the border with information on the whereabouts of the seven men.

On January 31, Mexico City Proceso reported that [ATF] was arrested at the Mexico City International Airport when he was found to be in possession of \$990,490 hidden in two suitcases. He was attempting to board a flight to Panama and is believed to have ties to the Beltran Leyva Cartel.

On February 1, Mexico City Milenio reported that

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January 2010 was the deadliest month to date in President Calderon's presidency. Members of organized crime executed 904 people this past January, making that month the most violent of the current six-year period, followed by December 2009, when the figure was 855 deaths. Chihuahua has been the most violent state in the country for 25 months in a row. It had 327 deaths in January, representing 36 percent of the total. Meanwhile, Ciudad Juarez remained the city with the most deaths--80 percent of drug-related murders in the state occurred in that border city.

On February 2, Mexico City Canal 11 reported that a total of 26 people were executed in two massacres carried out almost simultaneously in the northern states of Chihuahua and Coahuila. A total of 16 teenagers died when an armed group attacked a birthday party in Ciudad Juarez. Local, State and Federal authorities offered a reward of one million pesos to anyone who provides useful information to find the murderers. Less than an hour later, unidentified assailants opened fire at the patrons in a bar in Torreon, Coahuila, killing 10 people and injuring 11. Most of the victims in both massacres were younger than 25.

On February 2, Mexico City Proceso reported that La Familia lined the streets of the states of Guanajuato, Michoacan and Guerrero with dozens of messages urging the public to join its fight against its rivals, the Zetas.

On February 2, Mexico City El Universal reported that the party benches in Mexican Congress have deplored the paltry efforts of the U.S. government to work with Mexico in fighting organized crime via the Merida Initiative. The newspaper had also reported on February 1 that the beneficiaries of the Merida Initiative have been the companies that supply Mexican authorities with computer programs, helicopters and other artifacts of war.

**Significant Seizure Events This Period:**

On January 22, the Mexican Military detained [REDACTED] **ATF** [REDACTED] and seized 15 firearms, 3 grenades, 1,226 rounds of ammunition, 44 magazines and a 2008 Nissan in the municipality of Zihuatanejo de Azueta, Guerrero.

On January 23, the Mexican Military dismantled a clandestine laboratory and detained [REDACTED] **ATF** [REDACTED] and seized 19 rifles, 118 grenades, an unspecified number of rounds of ammunition and chemical for the production of synthetic drugs in the municipality of Chilchota, Michoacán.

On January 24, the Mexican Army responded to an anonymous report regarding armed men (reported by open source as "Zetas") engaging in illegal activity and were met with gunfire on highway 57 at kilometer 40 near the town of Dr. Arroyo in Nuevo León in the land grant area of San Cayetono de Vacas. The original gunmen were in two vehicles and they were backed up by gunmen in two other vehicles. Two soldiers and four gunmen were killed. Two vehicles, four firearms, ammunition, magazines, and a grenade were seized. Several gunmen escaped in a Ford Lobo (Mexican F150).

On January 25, the Mexican Military arrested three "Sicarios" (gunmen) and seized an arsenal in Guamuchil, Sinaloa. Authorities seized 5 7.62x39 caliber rifles, 40 magazines, over 2,800 rounds of ammunition, drugs and a vehicle.

On January 25, an alleged member of the USMC and 7

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another subject were arrested for the possession of a firearm in Mexicali, Baja California. Authorities seized 1 DPMS .223 caliber rifle, 1 magazine, 21 rounds of ammunition and a vehicle.

On January 26, Mexican Army from the 24<sup>th</sup> Military Zone carried out raids at two houses in municipality of Emiliano Zapata, Morelos, detaining 10 Beltran Leyva hitmen and seizing 3 firearms, 7 magazines, 56 rounds, and 7 cell phones. None of the names of those arrested were released other than they were working for the Beltran Leyva organization to kill Sinaloa affiliated individuals.

On January 26, Mexican Military arrested several armed subjects and seized an arsenal at a military Check-Point, located near the Zacatecas-Aguascalientes border, in the State of Aguascalientes. Authorities seized 37 firearms, over 5,000 rounds of assorted ammunition, 6 vehicles, 1 trailer, and 3 motorcycles.

On January 26, Naval Infantry personnel raided a “safe-house,” freed a kidnapped victim, arrested 10 gunmen with ties to Teodoro Garcia Simental “El Teo,” and seized several firearms in Tijuana, Baja California. Authorities seized 2 AK-47 type rifles, 2 9mm handguns, 2 .45 caliber handguns, 11 magazines, 264 rounds of ammunition, currency, drugs and 9 vehicles.

On January 28, Federal Police agents carried out an operation in the Zitacuaro municipality of Michoacán that resulted in the arrest of five members of the kidnapping gang known as “Los Jaguares.” This group is allegedly tied to La Familia Michoacána.

As a result of this operation, the following items were seized:

- 1 black Volkswagen Gol, without plates (PJA-75-54 license plate sticker) from Michoacán
- 1 red Chevy Meriva with Federal District plates 418-WRB
- 1 Ford F-150 pickup bearing Michoacán Municipal Police stickers, unit # 00934
- 1 AR-15 in .223 caliber; (1) .223 caliber rifle (type unspecified); (1) 12 gauge shotgun; (1) 7.62 caliber rifle
- 6 magazines and 280 assorted rounds of ammunition in .223 and 7.62
- 1 hand grenade
- Various credentials (presumably false)
- 5 cell phones
- One container with cocaine

On January 29, soldiers from the 24<sup>th</sup> Military Zone executed an operation at two residences in the Flores Magón neighborhood of Cuernavaca, where they seized 5 assault rifles, 3 handguns, a “grenade launcher” (not specified in the article, but in the headline), a vehicle, a Nextel phone and cash. No arrests were made.

**This reporting period:**

- 49 Mexican seizures identified in Open Sources/Seizure Files Open
- 2 Suspect Guns



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(Contact EPIC for details on the above information.)

**Trace Requests for Mexico Recoveries:**

**FY 10 Trace Requests Thus Far:**

There were 33,641\* trace requests submitted involving Mexico recoveries between October 1, 2009 and February 1, 2010, of which 324 are pending completion. The break down by agency is as follows:

- Total Trace Requests by ATF 223
- Total Trace Requests by DHS 278
- Total Trace Requests by Mexico 33,140
- Total Trace Requests From Other Agencies 0

\*These numbers do not include 11,436 duplicate traces.

**INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**

**Mexico City**

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

On January 21, MCO personnel delivered 10 computers and the appropriate software, 10 digital cameras and a portable printer to personnel assigned to GC-Armas/CENAPI. The equipment will allow GC-Armas personnel to conduct real-time tracing of seized firearms in Mexico as well as to improve the exchange of information/intelligence information with the MCO.

**Monterrey**

**Investigative Assistance:**

On January 26, the ATF Monterrey Consulate Office opened two investigations (701531-10-0005 and 701531-10-0006) concerning separate firearms and explosives seizures in San Cayetano de Vacas and Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, on January 24 and January 2, respectively. During the January 24 encounter, two Mexican soldiers and four Cartel members were killed. All firearms were entered into eTrace.

On January 25, the ATF Monterrey Consulate Office assisted the Office of the Attorney General (PGJ) with processing ballistic evidence from the murder investigation of a visiting U.S. Citizen and five Mexican citizens in Gomez Palacios, Durango. The ballistics evidence was processed by the Nuevo Leon State Crime Laboratory. The unsolved murders have received extensive U.S. media attention, which has also resulted in inquiries from U.S. members of Congress. (INV# 701531-10-0001)

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The shell casings and projectile fragments recovered at the crime scene were photographed and entered into the Nuevo Leon IBIS machine. ATF Monterrey Consulate Office coordinated with the PGJ Nuevo Leon to have the PGJ Durango representatives deliver the evidence to the PGJ Nuevo Leon Ballistic Laboratory.

Preliminary examination indicated that four different firearms, two AK-47 type rifles, one AR-15 type rifle and one 9mm pistol were used in the murders.

**Tijuana**

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

ATF personnel from the Tijuana Consulate Office met with laboratory technicians from the Tijuana PGR Mexican Attorney General's Office laboratory to demonstrate Spanish e-Trace to the technicians who are going to be responsible for inputting firearms information. ATF received valuable feedback during the demonstration. The Mexican technicians noted that they do not have access to possessor information, date of recovery, vehicle information or associates involved. ATF Tijuana Consulate Office sent an e-mail to the National Tracing Center regarding suggestions to improve the eTrace system.

The ATF Tijuana Consulate Office will also request the presence of the Public Information Officer from the Los Angeles Field Division before the Mexican media when the MOU for Spanish e-Trace is signed with the Baja California Attorney General's Office, in early February. This will be coordinated with ATF HQ media release.

**Investigative Assistance:**

On January 25, the ATF Tijuana Consulate Office received a call for assistance by Mexicali PGR to ascertain if an individual who was arrested in Mexicali for being in possession of an AR-15 was an active United States Marine. The PGR also requested assistance in tracing the AR-15 and any additional information that could assist in their prosecution. Tijuana personnel confirmed the suspect is an active U.S. Marine. Additionally, ATF Tijuana enlisted the assistance of El Centro, CA ATF agents to further investigate potential violations in the U.S.

The ATF Tijuana Consulate Office received gun and suspect information from Tijuana PGR regarding a recent seizure of AK-47 rifles and the arrest of 10 individuals involved in a kidnapping ring. Tijuana Consulate personnel deployed to the PGR to inspect and photograph the AK-47 rifles. These firearms have been linked to an investigation out of the Phoenix FD (INV#785115-10-0004). Tijuana personnel will be providing the case agent with the suspect and gun information obtained by PGR.

**Ciudad Juarez**

**Investigative Assistance:**

On January 24, the ATF Ciudad Juarez Consulate Office examined three firearms seized from two men, described as cartel assassins, by the Mexican Military 10

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in Valle de Juarez. One of the individuals is believed to be a fugitive from the state of Texas, where he has been convicted on nine counts of aggravated sexual assault on a child and has been sentenced to 189 years. ATF personnel from Ciudad Juarez Consulate Office have been in contact with the Texas Rangers and U.S. Marshal's Service in El Paso, TX to coordinate identification and exchange of documentation of charges.

On January 25, the ATF Ciudad Juarez Consulate Office examined four firearms seized in the Valle de Juarez. One of these was an Armalite .50 caliber rifle, which ATF traced to a purchaser in El Paso, TX. The El Paso Field Office was notified and is investigating the purchase.

**OFFICE OF TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

No new updates provide for this period.

**ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

No new updates provide for this period.