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**From:** Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)  
**To:** Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)  
**Sent:** 8/17/2011 4:54:27 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Need an ATF statement on record

We were able to catch it by a millisecond

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Chief

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From: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) [mailto:Deborah.A.Johnston@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:53 PM  
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO) (JMD)  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Scot: please forward the launched version.

Thanks

Debbie

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:51 PM  
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Matt, we pushing the button to launch!!!! Any other changes?

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From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) [mailto:Matthew.Axelrod@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:49 PM  
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) (JMD); Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) (JMD)  
Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record

**DP**

From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 04:48 PM  
To: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF); Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)

Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record

**DP**

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 04:46 PM  
To: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Yes and counsel ok too

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From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO) [mailto:Tracy.Schmalzer@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:44 PM  
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) (JMD); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD)  
Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record

If you got ok on your end re: accuracy.

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From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 04:37 PM  
To: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG); Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record

So is this approved to release?  
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From: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)  
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) (JMD); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD)  
Sent: Wed Aug 17 16:36:50 2011  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

I'm fine with it. The embassy is waiting for it so please let me know the minute you release it.

Thanks  
Debbie

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:33 PM  
To: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG); Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

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From: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) [mailto:Deborah.A.Johnston@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:28 PM  
To: Schmalder, Tracy (SMO) (JMD); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD)  
Cc: Thomasson, Scot L.  
Subject: FW: Need an ATF statement on record

Can this be released? The Mexican embassy is requesting it ASAP?

Thanks

Debbie

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 4:02 PM  
To: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Schmalder, Tracy (SMO); ATF  
(ATF)  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Here is the final ....let me know

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From: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) [mailto:Deborah.A.Johnston@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 3:36 PM  
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO) (JMD); **ATF**  
J.  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Please provide the final version and let me know it has been released so I can send to the Ambassador . He needs to receive it by 5 o'clock today.

Thanks

Debbie

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:58 PM  
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); **ATF**  
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)  
Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record

Yes  
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From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO) (JMD); Thomasson, Scot L.; ATF  
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) (JMD)  
Sent: Wed Aug 17 14:57:01 2011  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Scot, have you vetted with your front office? I just want to make sure that everything is 100% accurate. If so, then I'm fine with it.

From: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:54 PM  
To: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); ATF  
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

I'm good. Debbie/Matt?

Scot- I'd get this out to your press list and any additional inquiries. Also , to your leg shop for the hill conf call.

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:38 PM  
To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); ATF  
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)  
Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record

Agreed I will add....Any other cuts? If not Tracy let's discuss the best way to do this.  
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From: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)  
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD); **ATF**  
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) (JMD)  
Sent: Wed Aug 17 14:35:15 2011  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Agree - **DP**  
**DP**

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:31 PM  
To: Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); **ATF**  
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

They cleared on the version I sent forward and I will run the final version by them once we have it in the interest of time. **DP**  
**DP**

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From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO) [mailto:Tracy.Schmalzer@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:18 PM  
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD); Thomasson, Scot L.; **ATF**  
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) (JMD)  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

I made a few edits for flow and clarity - might want to use this version to run by counsel

From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 2:13 PM  
To: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); **ATF**  
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Scot, I suggest you vet with your counsel's office as well, as there may be legal restrictions on what you can/cannot say publicly concerning individual employees.

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 1:56 PM  
To: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); **ATF**  
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

All,

Once it is all approved etc. I suggest it go out under my name.

Scot

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From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO) [mailto:Tracy.Schmalzer@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 12:38 PM  
To: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) (JMD); Thomasson, Scot L.; **ATF**  
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) (JMD)  
Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record

I sent him already.

From: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 12:35 PM  
To: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF); **ATF**  
Cc: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)  
Subject: RE: Need an ATF statement on record

Scot,

Regarding your question below, the Washington Times piece led the DOJ clips today (as did a piece about F&F firearms being linked to 11 violent crimes in the U.S.). Here's the link:  
<http://www.bulletinnews.com/justice/>

Matt

From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 12:31 PM  
To: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF); **ATF**  
Cc: Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)  
Subject: Re: Need an ATF statement on record  
Importance: High

Scot - just left you a message. The promotion inaccuracy has picked up more steam and is playing into a hearing in Mexico later today so we'll need a record statement from you guys based on what you've told me and other reporters that these were transfers -- not promotions. Can you send to this group as soon as you have it? It's a short fuse - so as soon as you can, pls circulate.

Thanks. -

Tracy

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 08:37 AM  
To: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); ATF  
Subject: RE: WT picked up

I agree but have not seen the piece can you forward or tell me where to look?

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From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO) [mailto:Tracy.Schmalzer@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 7:59 AM  
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; ATF  
Subject: Re: WT picked up

might be worth pointing out to him the error ... And flag it for your leg shop.

From: Thomasson, Scot L. (ATF)  
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 07:47 AM  
To: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); ATF  
Subject: Re: WT picked up

No

Scot Thomasson

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From: Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO) <Tracy.Schmalzer@usdoj.gov>  
To: Thomasson, Scot L.; ATF  
Sent: Wed Aug 17 07:45:05 2011  
Subject: WT picked up

And apparently Cornyn is publicly criticizing the "promotion." Did Seper call you?