

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

Background

1. This investigation has currently identified more than [ATF] individual connected straw purchasers. More suspects are being identified as the scope of the investigation expands.

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ATF To date
(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.

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9. The ultimate goal is [ATF] to identify and prosecute all

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Additional Resources

10. This investigation is a Southwest Border “Gunner” investigation initiated by Phoenix Group VII. Group VII did not exist in FY’09 and was newly formed FY’10 under the Southwest Border Strategy to focus on investigations involving the trafficking of firearms to Mexico. As such, Group VII currently is comprised of [ATF] Special Agents, [ATF] [ATF] and one Group Supervisor.

11. In order to conduct [ATF] Group VII is totally reliant on other groups and TFO to provide additional bodies. If those agents or TFO have other investigative priorities [ATF] If one or more of the agents in Group VII is on leave or training we have 2-3 agents [ATF] [ATF]

12. It is hereby respectfully requested that 6 additional special agents be brought in for an initial 30 day detail the purpose of aiding/assisting in this investigation, mainly in the capacity of surveillance. [ATF] [ATF] will necessitate intensive, possibly round the clock, surveillance to prevent firearms from traveling south into the Country of Mexico. [ATF]

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13. Additionally, these 6 agents will need vehicles, preferably rental vehicles enabling them to switch out vehicles so as not to get “burned,” and communication devices. These communication devices would most likely need to be in the form of either Phoenix Police Department handheld radios or Nextel push-to-Talk cellular telephones.

From: ATF

Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 7:45 PM

To: ATF

CC: Gillett, George T. Jr.

Subject: Phoenix Group VII biweekly update 02-03-2010

Attachments: Phoenix Group VII biweekly update 02-03-2010.docx

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This case

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From: ATF (IAO)
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 3:13 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: FW: not that you can or want to talk about it

George, please see below about SIEDO. Can we share anything (what?) with them? Thank you,

ATF SA ATF
International Affairs Office
Program Manager-Mexico
99 NY Ave. NE, 6S-144
Washington, DC 20226

W: ATF
C:
F: 202.648.7630

From: ATF
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 2:58 PM
To: ATF (IAO)
Subject: RE: not that you can or want to talk about it

Can you check with Phoenix and see how much I can share with SIEDO on ATF? They have noticed all of his purchases and want to know what we are doing about him.

ATF
Analyst Chief
ATF Mexico Country Office
ATF extension 4468 (office
ATF Blackberry)
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From: ATF (IAO)
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 1:52 PM
To: ATF
Subject: not that you can or want to talk about it

CASE TITLE: ATF et al **CASE NUMBER:** 785115-10-0004

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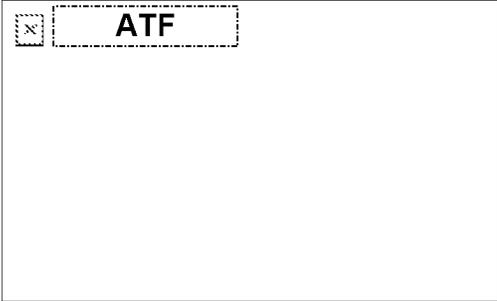
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W: **ATF**
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F: 202.648.7630

From: ATF
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 6:11 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: GRIT Performance Report - June 11 2011
Attachments: GRIT Performance Report - June 11 2011.doc; ATF.vcf

I'm sorry I inadvertently missed your name when emailing the report to the managers.

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Phoenix GRIT



**Phoenix Gun Runner Impact Teams (GRIT)
Performance Report
June 11, 2010**

GRIT Performance for Reporting Period May 21 -- June 3, 2010			
	Reporting Period	Since Inception	
Number of Investigative Leads at the Start of GRIT (May 1, 2010)	ATF		
Number of New Investigative Leads			
Total Leads			
Number of Leads Investigated			ATF
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened	ATF		
Number of Existing Investigations Supported by GRIT			
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution			
Number of Referrals to U.S. LE Agencies		-	-
Number of Liaison Activities with the Gov. of Mexico		-	ATF
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information	ATF 0 0 0 0 0		ATF
Number of FFL Inspections Initiated			
Number of FFL Inspections Completed			
FFL Adverse Actions Recommended:			
Number of Warning Letters/Warning Conferences	ATF		ATF
Number of Revocations (Recommended by Division and Concurred by HQ)			
Number of Licenses Surrendered in Lieu of Revocation			
Number of Criminal Enforcement Referrals Made by IOIs to ATF LE			

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This OCDETF investigation:

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From: ¹² [redacted] **ATF**
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 3:30 PM
To: [redacted] **ATF**; Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: FW: June 14 GRIT Performance Report
Attachments: June 14 GRIT Performance Report.doc

From: [redacted] **ATF**
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 12:01 PM
To: Newell, William D.; Needles, James R.; Cook, Nancy F.; [redacted] **ATF**
Subject: June 14 GRIT Performance Report

Good afternoon. Attached is the subject Phoenix GRIT Performance report.

The next report will be due on June 18. Thanks, [redacted] **ATF**

[redacted] **ATF**
*Program Analyst
Southwest Border Working Group
Office of Field Operations
Bureau of ATF*

[redacted] **ATF**

Phoenix Gun Runner Impact Teams (GRIT)
Performance Report
June 14, 2010

GRIT Performance for Reporting Period June 4 - June 10, 2010				
	Reporting Period		Since Inception	
Number of Investigative Leads at the Start of GRIT (May 1, 2010)		ATF		ATF
Number of New Investigative Leads				ATF
Total Leads				
Number of Leads Investigated		ATF		
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened		0		
Number of Existing Investigations Supported by GRIT				ATF
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution		ATF		
Number of Referrals to U.S. LE Agencies				
Number of Liaison Activities with the Gov. of Mexico				
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information		ATF		ATF
Number of FFL Inspections Initiated				
Number of FFL Inspections Completed		ATF		ATF
FFL Adverse Actions Recommended:				
Number of Warning Letters/Warning Conferences				
Number of Revocations (Recommended by Division and Concurred by HQ)		-		-
Number of Licenses Surrendered in Lieu of Revocation		-		-
Number of Criminal Enforcement Referrals Made by IOIs to ATF LE		ATF		ATF

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ATF Phoenix Group VII Strike Force has begun an investigation

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Operation Fast and Furious

This OCDETF investigation has

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From: ATF

Sent: Friday, July 16, 2010 2:26 PM

To: Newell, William D.; Cook, Nancy F.; Gillett, George T. Jr.; Needles, James R.; Mangan, Thomas G.;

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Subject: July 10 to July 15 2010 GRIT Performance Report

Attachments: July 10 to July 15 2010 GRIT Performance Report.docx

Good morning everyone,

This is the GRIT Report for July 10 – 16. If there are any amendments, additions or deletions to be made to the report, please advise me so I can make the changes prior to sending the report to BHQ.

Thanks.

Phoenix Gun Runner Impact Teams (GRIT)
Performance Report

GRIT Performance for Reporting Period July 12 -- July 16, 2010			
	Reporting Period	Since Inception	
Number of Investigative Leads at the Start of GRIT (May 1, 2010)	ATF	ATF	
Number of New Investigative Leads		ATF	
Total Leads			
Number of Leads Investigated			
Number of Leads Investigated	ATF		
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened		ATF	
Number of Existing Investigations Supported by GRIT	0		
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution	ATF		
Number of Referrals to U.S. LE Agencies	0	0	
Number of Liaison Activities with the Gov. of Mexico	0	ATF	
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information	ATF		ATF
Number of FFL Inspections Initiated	ATF		
Number of FFL Inspections Completed		ATF	
FFL Adverse Actions Recommended:			
Number of Warning Letters/Warning Conferences	0		
Number of Revocations (Recommended by Division and Concurred by HQ)	0	0	
Number of Licenses Surrendered in Lieu of Revocation	0	0	
Number of Criminal Enforcement Referrals Made by IOIs to ATF LE	ATF	ATF	

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From: ATF

Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 9:25 AM

To: Newell, William D.; Needles, James R.; Cook, Nancy F.; ATF; Gillett, George T. Jr.

Subject: July 19 GRIT Performance Report

Attachments: July 19 GRIT Performance Report.docx

Good morning. Attached is the subject Phoenix GRIT Performance report.

The next report will be due on July 23. Thanks, ATF

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*Program Analyst
Firearms Operations Division
Office of Field Operations
Bureau of ATF*

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Phoenix Gun Runner Impact Teams (GRIT)
Performance Report
July 19, 2010

GRIT Performance for Reporting Period July 12 – July 16, 2010		
	Reporting Period	Since Inception
Number of Investigative Leads at the Start of GRIT (May 1, 2010)	ATF	ATF
Number of New Investigative Leads		ATF
Total Leads		
Number of Leads Investigated	ATF	
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened		ATF
Number of Existing Investigations Supported by GRIT	0	
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution	ATF	
Number or Referrals to U.S. LE Agencies	0	0
Number of Liaison Activities with the Gov. of Mexico	0	ATF
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Significant Seizures by Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information	ATF	
Number of FFL Inspections Assigned	ATF	ATF
Number of FFL Inspections Completed		ATF
FFL Adverse Actions Recommended:		
Number of Warning Letters/Warning Conferences	0	
Number of Revocations (Recommended By Division and Concurred by HQ)	0	0
Number of Licenses Surrendered in Lieu of Revocation		0
Number of Criminal Enforcement Referrals Made by IOIs to ATF LE	ATF	ATF

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