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

Background

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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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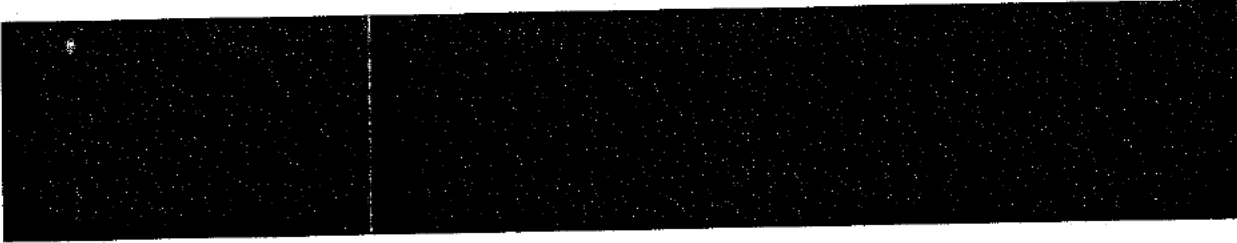
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Investigative Techniques Used to Date

6. To date in this investigation we have utilized numerous proactive, advanced investigative techniques:
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9. The ultimate goal is (b)(5) & (7(A))  
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 (b)(5) & (7(A))

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 (b)(7)(E) Special Agents; (b)(7)(E) (b)(7)(E) one Group Supervisor.

11. In order to (b)(7)(A) & (E) Group VII is totally reliant on other groups and TFO to provide additional bodies. If those agents or TFO have other investigative priorities, (b)(7)(A) & (E) If one or more of the agents in Group VII is on leave or training we have 2-3 agents (b)(7)(A) & (E) (b)(7)(A) & (E)

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

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8. On January 5, 2010, ASAC Gillett, GS (b)(7)(C) and case agent SA (b)(7)(C) met with (b)(7)(C) who is the lead, federal prosecutor on this matter. Investigative and prosecution strategies were discussed and a determination was made that there was

(b)(5) & (7)(A)

gathered. This investigation was briefed to United States Attorney Dennis Burke, who

(b)(5)

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9. (b)(7)(A) & (E)

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(b)(7)(A) & (E)

10. A joint strategy/de-confliction meeting is planned for Friday, January 15, 2010, with representatives from ICE, DEA, and ATF. This investigation, as well as other ongoing investigations, will be briefed to all present.

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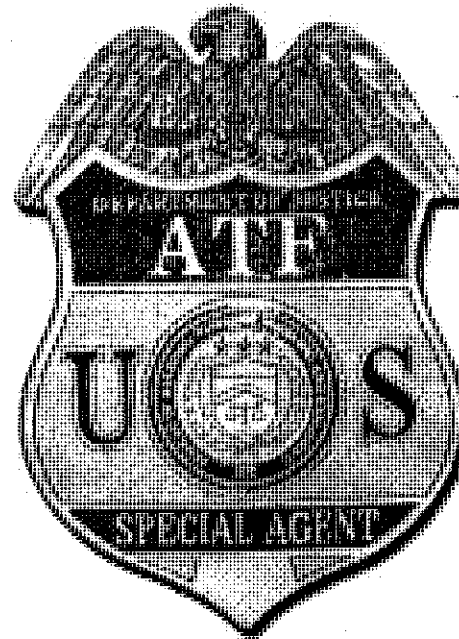
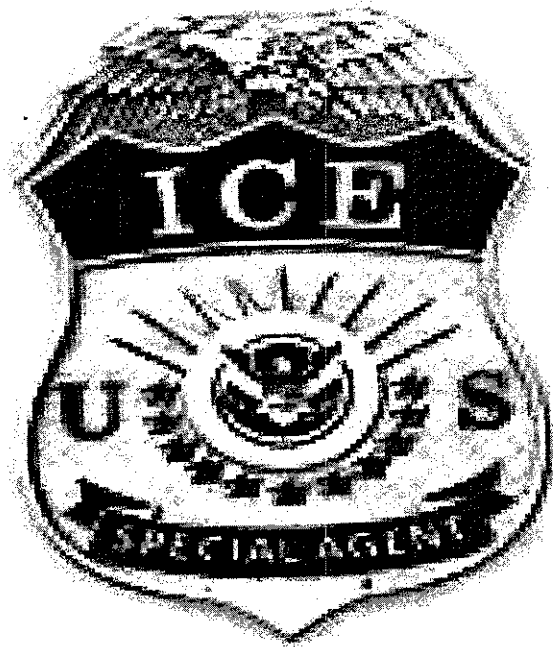
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# STRIKEFORCE OPERATION: THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS



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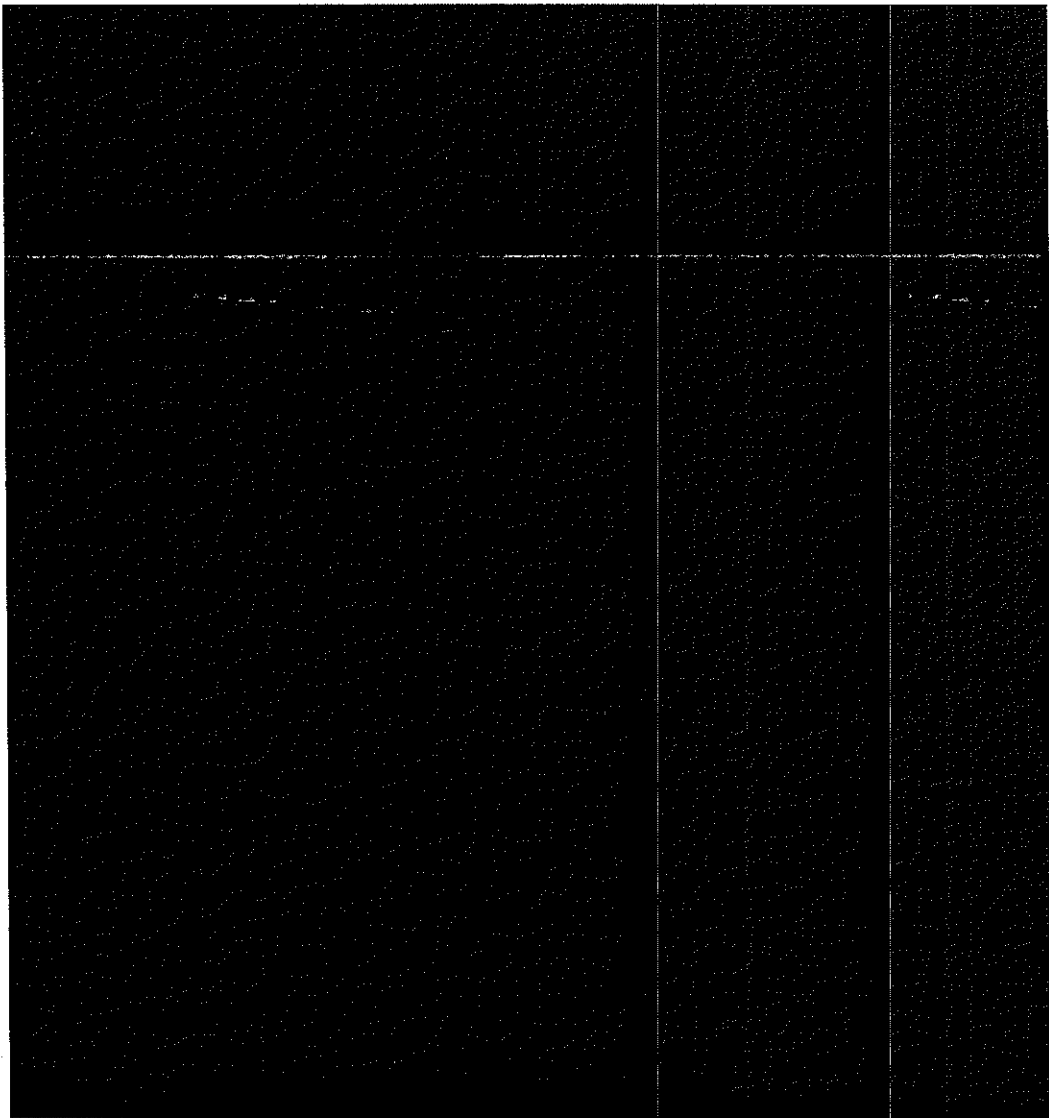
- Drug Cartels utilize straw purchasers to acquire weapons from the US.
- Phoenix, AZ is one of the top 5 areas where firearms and ammunition are obtained.
- Mexican Cartel violence has escalated due to their ability to obtain these arsenals.
- Bulk Narcotic Proceeds are used to fund US-Mexico firearms trafficking groups.



# FOCUS OF INVESTIGATION

- A Phoenix based joint investigation by ATF and ICE agents targeting individuals involved in the trafficking of firearms from the United States to the Republic of Mexico.
- Agents believe that a Phoenix-based firearm trafficking group is actively purchasing firearms through straw purchasers using bulk narcotics proceeds. The firearms are then being trafficked into Mexico using non-factory compartments in various vehicles through various Ports of Entry (POE's) in Arizona and Texas.
- Agents intend to target the firearm purchasers, the US traffickers receiving the firearms, the individuals illegally transporting them into Mexico, the traffickers in Mexico receiving the firearms, and the organizations supplying the bulk narcotics proceeds to the firearm trafficking group.

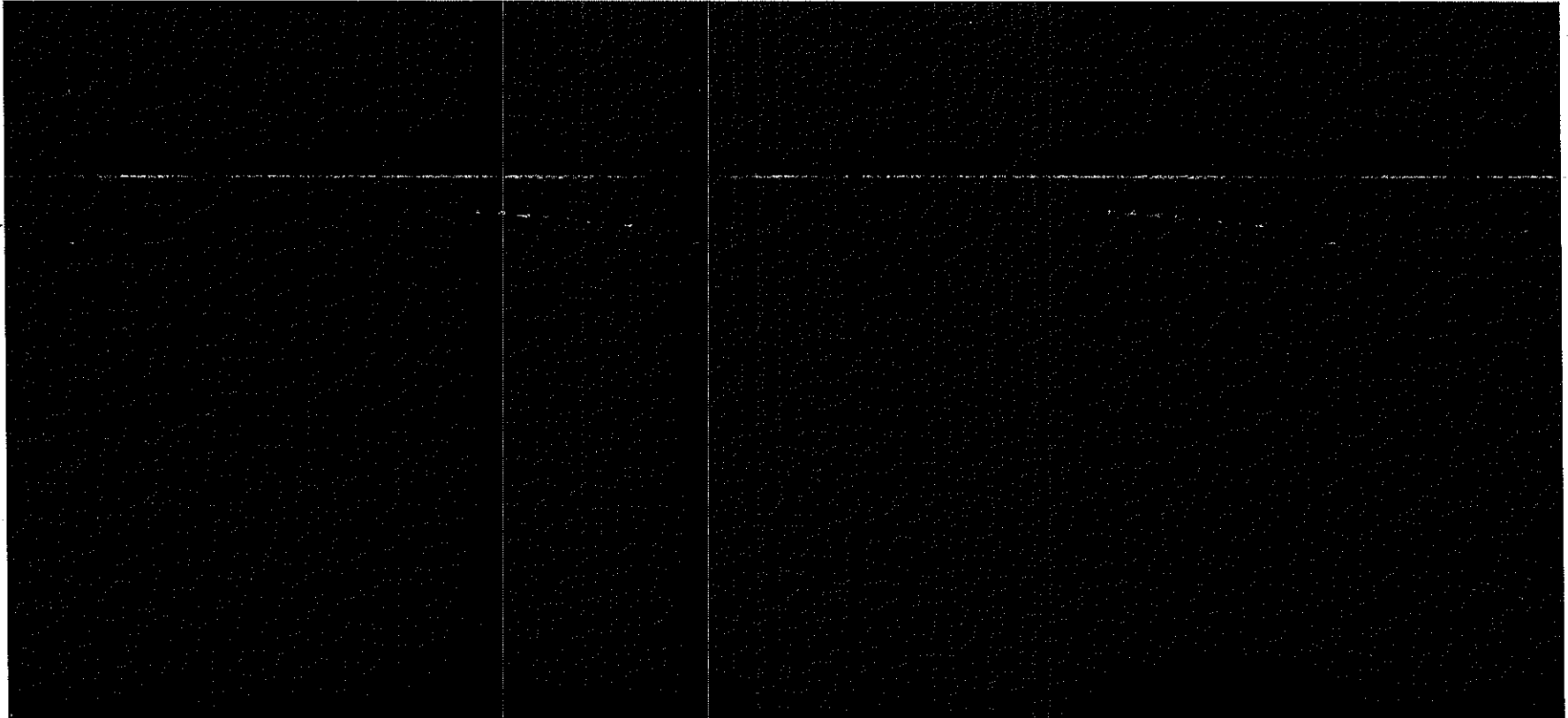
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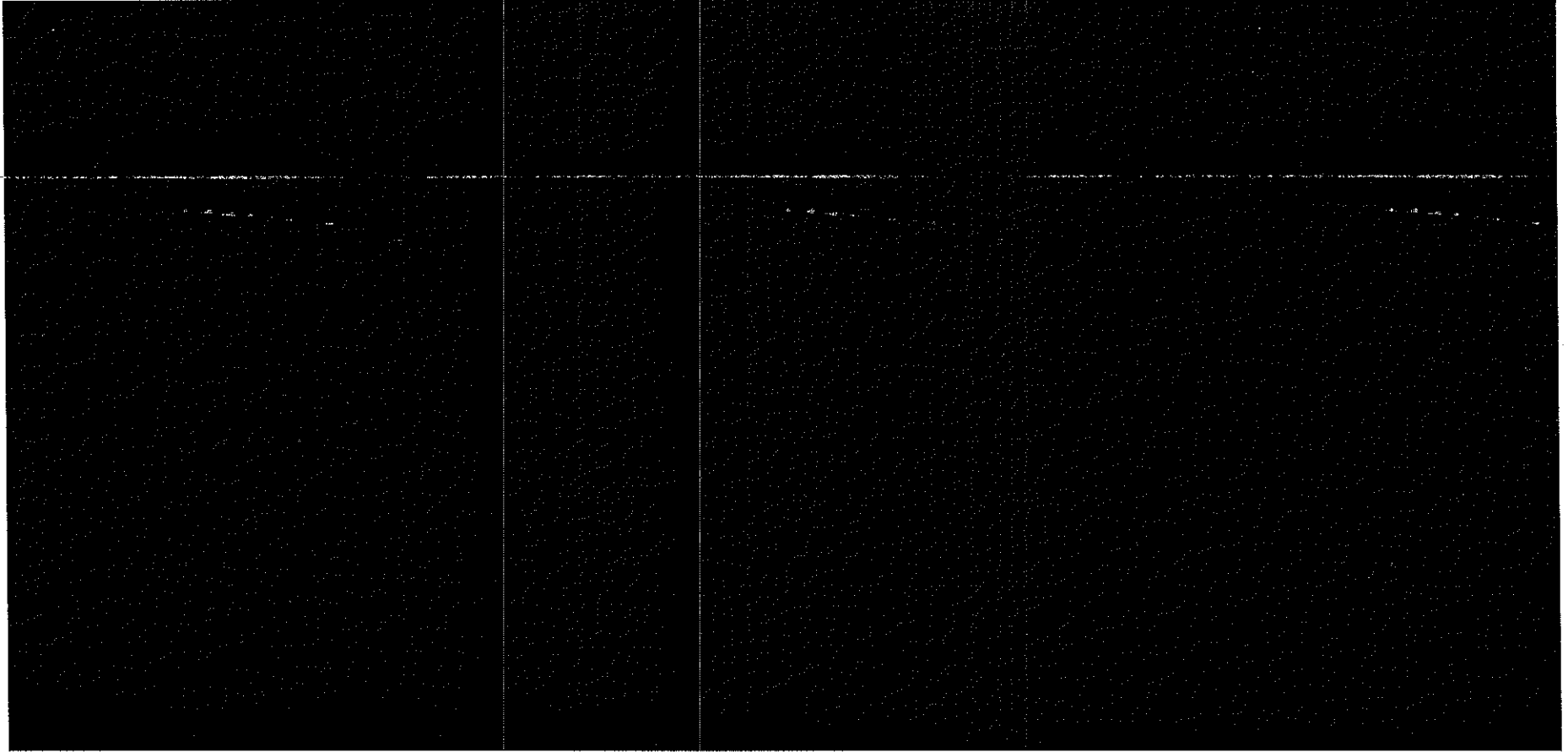
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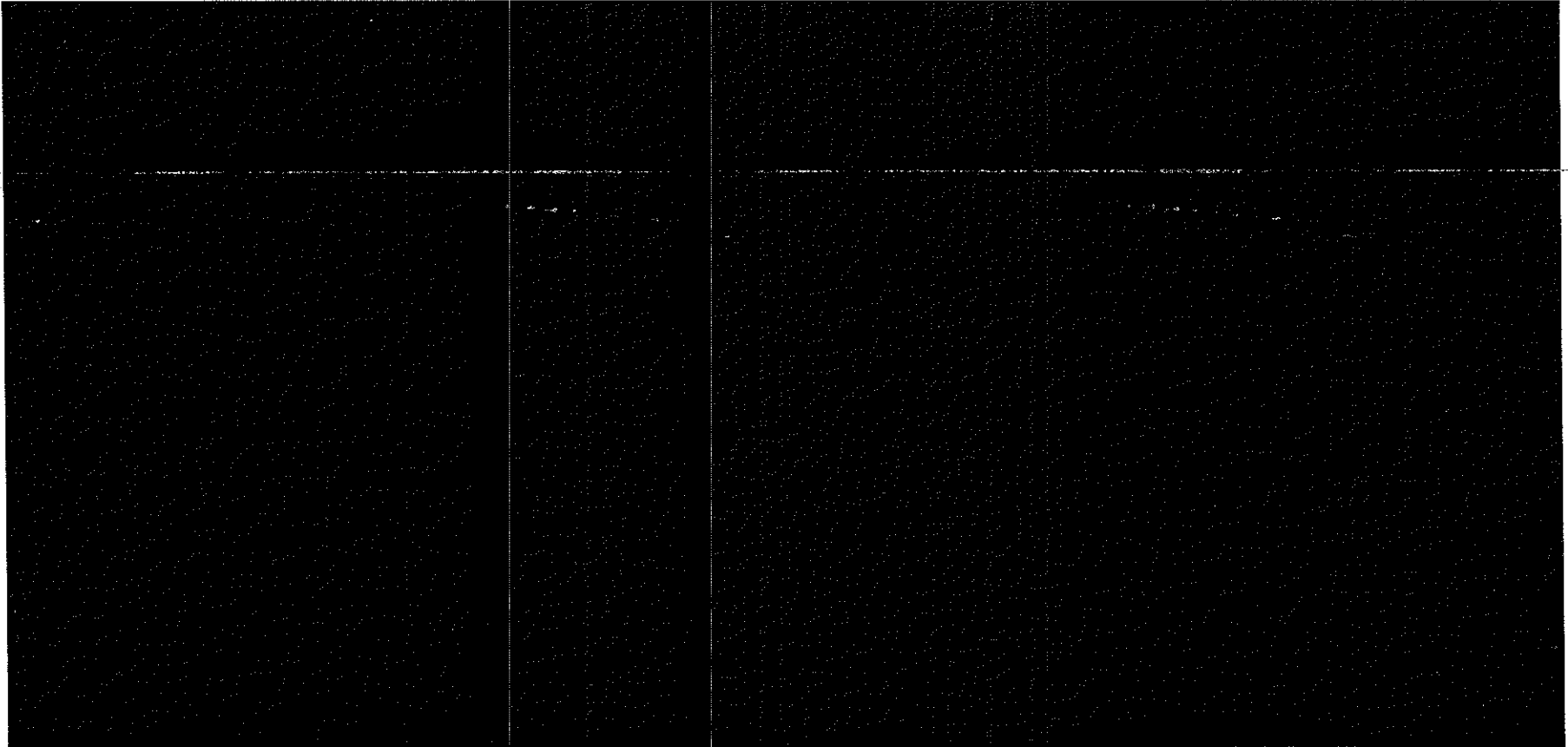
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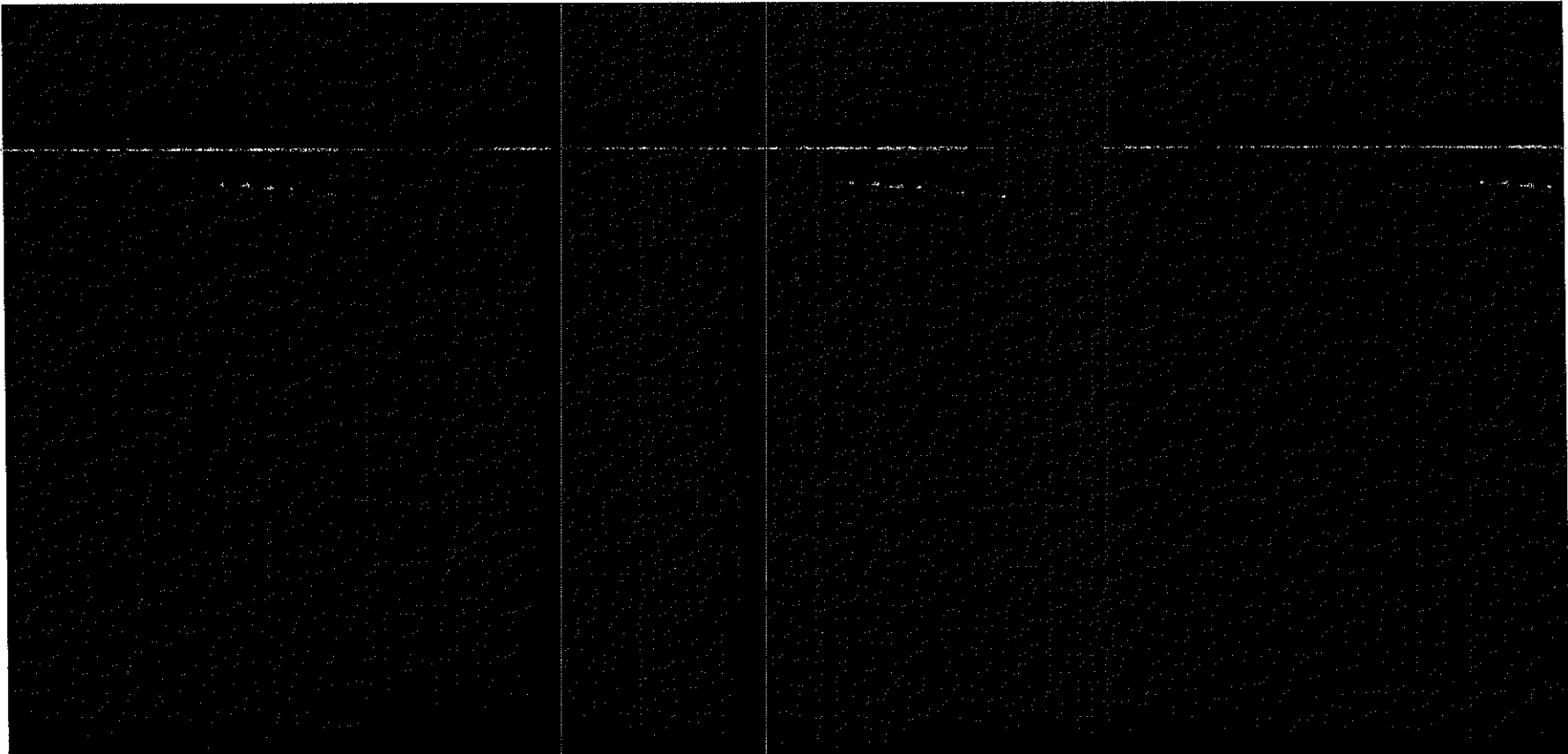
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## ➤ IDENTIFIED STRAW PURCHASERS

- Nineteen identified to date
- Majority are (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- Unemployed to little income
- Little to no criminal history
- (b)(7)(A) & (E)

# OCTOBER 2009

- Agents initiate investigations involving five firearms purchasers

**(b)(7)(A) & (E)**

- Weapons purchased were Romarm/Cugir AK-47 style rifles\*

\*Weapon of choice



**NOVEMBER 2009**

**(b)(7)(A) & (E)**

**(b)(7)(A) & (E)**

**(b)(7)(A) & (E)**

# DECEMBER 2009

- Agents identify (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- Main target [REDACTED] identified
- Firearms purchased by straw purchasers recovered by Douglas, AZ PD and traced by Phoenix Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.
- Deconfliction meeting with ICE and investigation becomes a joint operation with ICE.
- Deconfliction meeting with Phoenix Drug Enforcement Administration Agents. [REDACTED]

# FIREARMS

- Weapons being purchased:
  - AK-47 style 7.62 caliber rifles
  - AK-47 style 7.62 caliber pistols
  - FN 5.7 pistols
- **Approximate cost \$500 - \$1000 per firearms**
- **Total amount spent to date - \$489,879.00**

# RECOVERIES

## • 11 RECOVERIES (Arizona, Texas, and Mexico)

(b) (7)(A)

- 2 Firearms total (1 SP F/A)
- 43 F/A's (33 SP F/A's)
- MX - 26 Firearms total (1 SP F/A)
- 4 F/A's (4 SP F/A's)
- 9 F/A's (9 SP F/A's)
- 48 F/A's (40 SP F/A's)
- 5 F/A's (4 SP F/A's)
- 2 F/A's (1 SP F/A)
- 2 F/A's (2 SP FA)
- 40 F/A's (40 SP F/A)
- 2 F/A's (2 SP F/A's)

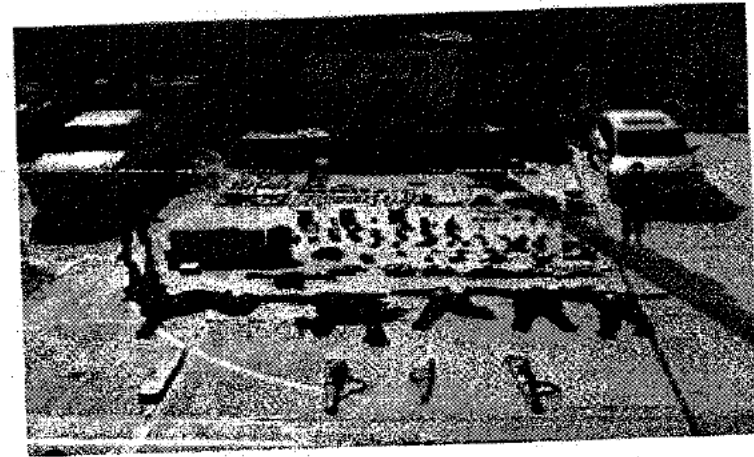
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- 43 Firearms
- 33 Firearm Linked to Straw Purchasers



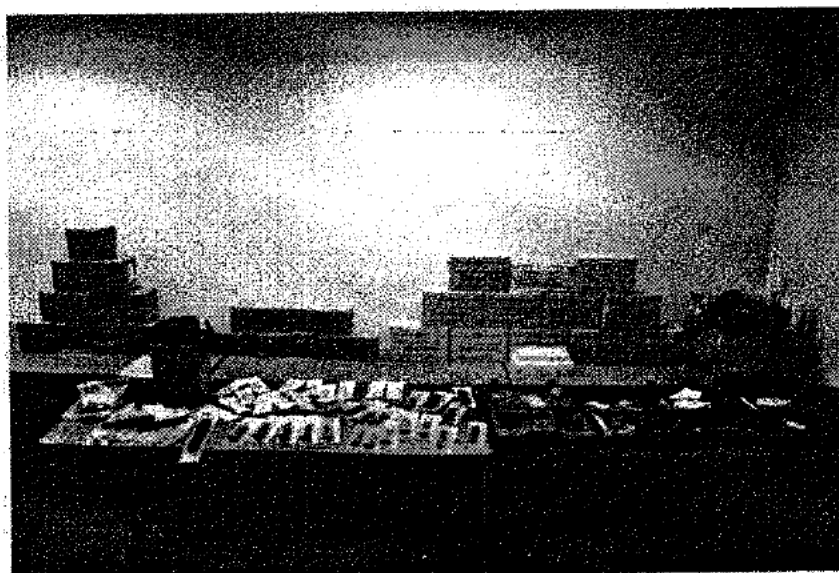
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- (b) (7)(A)
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- 26 Firearms
- 1 Firearm Linked to Straw Purchaser



## RECOVERIES (cont.)

- (b) (7)(A)
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- 4 Firearms
- 4 Firearm Linked to Straw Purchaser



# RECOVERIES (cont.)

- (b) (7)(A)
- 48 Firearms, Cocaine, Methamphetamine, and US Currency
- 40 Firearm Linked to Straw Purchasers

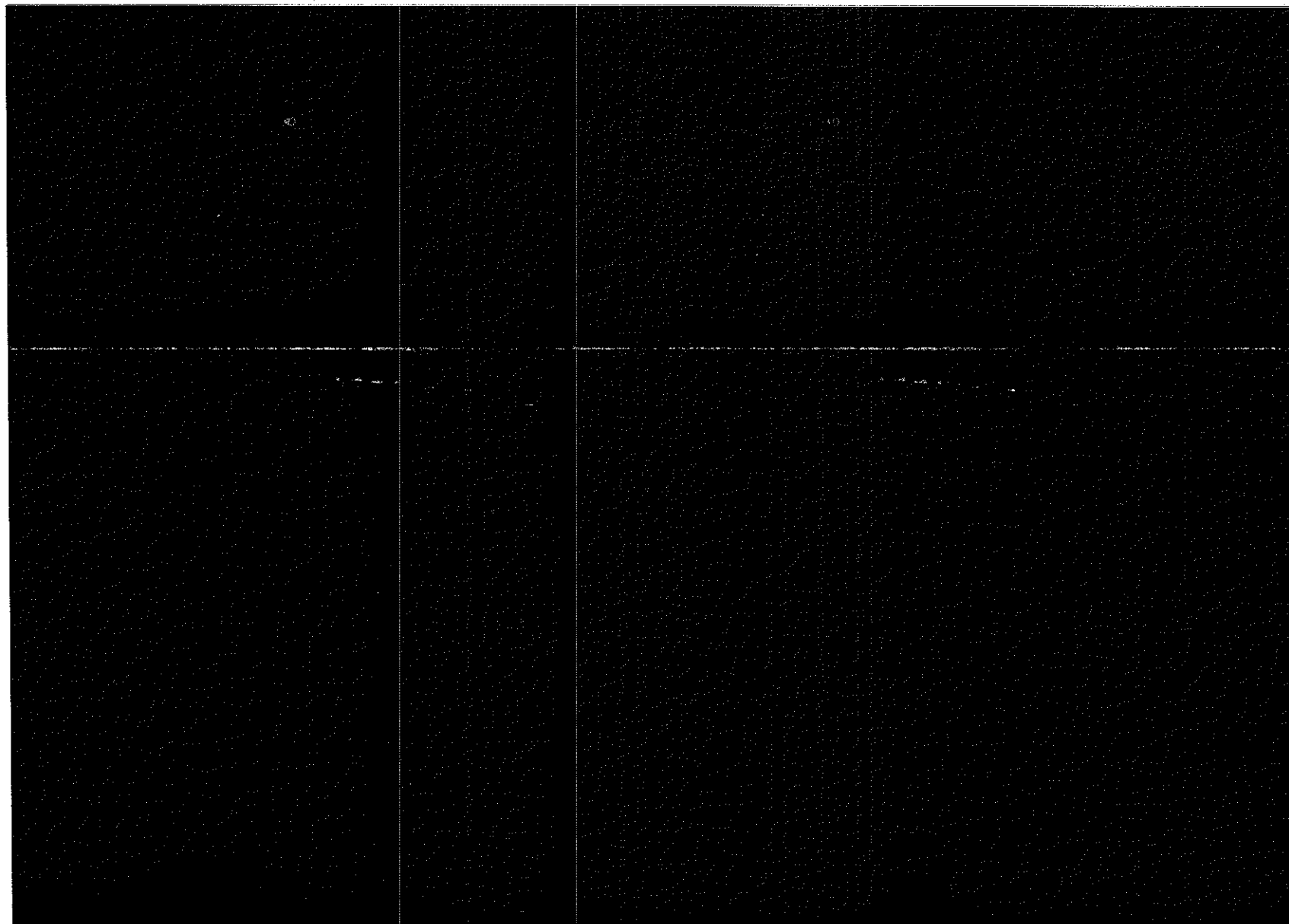





# RECOVERIES (cont.)

- (b) (7)(A)
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- 5 Firearms
- 4 Firearm Linked to Same Straw Purchaser





# INVESTIGATIVE TECHNIQUES

- 
- (b) (7)(E)
  - **Surveillance Cameras**
  - **Surveillance**
  - (b) (7)(E)
  - **Phone Toll Analysis**
  - **Grand Jury Subpoenas**

# ANTICIPATED VIOLATIONS

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Please see the attached documents. I will provide you with a print out copy.

(b) (7)(C)  
Case Management Branch  
Field Management Staff  
(202) (b) (7)(C)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
*Enforcement Programs and Services, International Affairs Office*

**ATF**

# Arms Trafficking to Mexico



**Briefing for the Attorney General  
December 28, 2007**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE**

## Arms Trafficking to Mexico

### Overview

Mexican President Felipe Calderon and Attorney General Medina-Mora have stated that the trafficking of U.S. sourced firearms is the number one crime problem affecting the security of Mexico. Most of the firearms violence in Mexico is perpetrated by drug trafficking organizations who are vying for control of drug trafficking routes to the U.S., as well as turf battles for disputed distribution territories. Hundreds of Mexican citizens and law enforcement personnel have become casualties of the firearms-related violence.

In support of the Department's and Administration's effort to assist the government of Mexico stem the narcotrafficking firearms related violence, ATF developed its Southwest Border Strategy. This strategy has domestic and international strategic components to attack the problem on both sides of the border.

### Trafficking in Drugs, Trafficking in Guns

The drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) operating in Mexico rely on firearms suppliers in order to enforce and maintain their illicit narcotics operations. Major DTOs currently funneling over 90% of the cocaine consumed in the U.S. are the Arellano Felix Organization (AFO), and the Gulf, Guerrero, Sinaloa, and Mexicali drug cartels in Mexico.

Intelligence indicates these criminal organizations have tasked their money laundering, distribution and transportation infrastructures reaching into the U.S. to acquire firearms and ammunition. These Mexican DTO infrastructures have become the leading *gun trafficking organizations* operating in the Southwest United States and can be identified as the money laundering, distribution, and narcotics distribution cells for the aforementioned cartels in every major city where these organizations conduct drug trafficking operations.

Firearms trafficking to Mexico from the United States is fueled by several factors, including: the ready market of firearms and ammunition in the United States, including unregulated gun shows and private sales; corrupt Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) and straw purchasers; the strict regulation of firearms in Mexico; and the lack of U.S.-vetted Mexican law enforcement personnel.

Historically, the weapons of choice for the DTOs were Colt Model Super .38 caliber pistols; however, more recently, they have also begun utilizing Beretta Model 92, 9mm pistols, and high caliber, high magazine capacity assault type weapons such as Colt AR-15 and FN AK-47 assault type rifles. In addition, ATF has seized large quantities of small arms ammunition that were destined for Mexico.

This weaponry is readily utilized by the enforcement arms of the DTOs. Most members of these organizations are highly trained former members of or deserters from paramilitary Mexican special forces such as Los Zetas and the Guatemalan Kaibiles, as well as gang members such as MS-13.

## **Challenges Faced By Law Enforcement**

In the U.S., the biggest challenge is focusing sufficient resources to meaningfully combat the firearms trafficking to Mexico, while at the same time addressing other domestic programs and mission responsibilities. ATF could use additional resources to support the needs of our Southwest Border Strategy, including the need for enhanced information technology such as Spanish eTrace. Crucial technical resources such as eTrace, a web-based system which enables the tracing of firearms, and IBIS, a ballistic tracing technology, have been deployed to Mexico, but on a limited basis.

In Mexico, reluctance on the part of Mexican authorities such as the military (SEDENA), to timely share information and intelligence on U.S. sourced firearms recovered at crime scenes significantly hampers interdiction efforts. Firearms tracing in Mexico is for the most part centralized, being conducted by the Procuraduria General de la Republica (i.e., PGR - Mexican Attorney General) in Mexico City, and only involves high profile cases. **For example, between FYs 2005 and 2007, Mexican authorities submitted to ATF approximately 6,000 firearms trace requests, a fraction of the suspected total number of firearms recovered by Mexican authorities. However, the number of firearms trace requests did increase substantially from 1,874 in FY 2006 to 2,749 in FY 2007. Mexican commitment to the tracing program can be attributed to this increase. Firearm tracing intelligence is critical because it allows ATF and its partners to identify trafficking corridors, patterns and schemes as well as traffickers and their accomplices. Finally, most law enforcement entities in Mexico are poorly trained, equipped and paid, especially at the State and local levels. DTOs exploit this situation to foster corruption and compromise operations.**

## **How ATF Is Responding to these Challenges**

ATF is deploying its resources strategically to combat firearms-related violence affecting communities on both sides of the border, and is working in partnership with other U.S. agencies and with the Government of Mexico. Our initiatives include:

- ATF established new field offices in Brownsville, Texas, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Yuma, Arizona. These offices were established as part of a broad plan to increase the strategic coverage and disrupt the firearms trafficking corridors operating along the border.
- With State Department/NAS funding, details of special agents are being deployed to the border city of Monterrey, Mexico, in order to support the work of the ATF Mexico Office and assist Mexican authorities in their fight against firearms related violence.



- An additional Assistant Attaché position has been provided to the ATF Mexico Office.
- ATF is exploring the need for offices in Mexico, including Monterrey.
- Four additional ATF Intelligence Research Specialists (IRS) are planned for the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC) to support the Project Gunrunner domestic initiative, where it is being coordinated.
- One new IRS is planned for each of the four field divisions on the southwest border to support their participation in Project Gun Runner and to coordinate with the Project Gunrunner Coordinator at EPIC.
- Discussions have been conducted with Mexican authorities in regards to the decentralization of the firearms tracing process from PGR/CENAPI, with the eventual deployment of eTrace to other Mexican agencies such as Aduana (Mexican Customs), SSP (Federal Law Enforcement/Public Safety), CISEN (Intelligence) and other relevant law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

## **Southwest Border Strategy**

In September 2005, a number of U.S. law enforcement agencies (including DEA, Marshals, FBI, ICE, and USSS) met in Houston, Texas, in response to the Administration's and Department's call for action to the violence taking place along the border with Mexico. The agencies began coordinating their efforts. There is an international component to the ATF strategy, which emphasizes greater collaboration, timely sharing of information and intelligence, training and technical support.

Meetings conducted by the former ATF Director in October, 2005, and the current Acting Director in February, 2007, with the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, the Mexican Attorney General, and other cabinet-level officials, have helped ATF to refine its Southwest Border Strategy and have facilitated the development of Project Gunrunner, which is the strategy's domestic strategic component. This component seeks to focus ATF's investigative, intelligence and training resources to suppress the firearms trafficking to Mexico and stem the firearms-related violence on both sides of the border.

The ATF Southwest Border Strategy includes both an international strategic component and a domestic strategic component, known as Project Gunrunner. The components are summarized below:

### *International Strategic Component*

The linchpin of this component is firearms tracing, in particular the expansion of the eTrace firearms tracing system in Mexico. Firearms tracing helps identify firearms straw purchasers, the traffickers, trafficking networks and patterns, allowing law enforcement to target and dismantle the infrastructure supplying firearms to the DTOs in Mexico. Its objectives are as follows:

- Deploy eTrace at the nine U.S. consulates in Mexico and to the 31 Mexican States.

- Decentralize the current firearms tracing process in Mexico and expand its use, which currently stands at a firearms tracing success rate of approximately (b) (3) (PL: 111-117)
- Develop a Spanish version of eTrace, which will help improve Mexico's law enforcement successful firearms trace results and increase their ability to trace firearms and develop investigative leads in their native language.
- Expand IBIS technology and NIBIN connectivity in Mexico in order to increase the tracing of bullets and cartridges recovered at crime scenes.
  - There are currently three IBIS machines located in Mexico: Mexico City, Guadalajara and Reynosa.
- Explore the need for expanding ATF's presence in Northern Mexico by stationing special agents at U.S. Consulates. There are currently two special agents detailed to the U.S. Consulate in Monterrey that are funded by the State Department. The agents facilitate firearms tracing, assist with investigations on both sides of the border, and provide training to Mexican law enforcement counterparts in support of the ATF Mexico Office.
- Continue to support Mexican law enforcement institutions, and build capacity within them, through training in:
  - Firearms and explosives identification
  - Post-blast investigation and render safe explosives training
  - Serial number restoration
  - Canine training
- Establish a canine training academy in Mexico. ATF has already provided nine explosives detection canines for use throughout various entry points in Mexico.
- Undertake joint enforcement actions with vetted Mexican law enforcement personnel.
- Share timely information and intelligence on recovered firearms and traffickers.

*Domestic Strategic Component – Project Gunrunner*

This component encompasses enforcement activities and the resources that are utilized on the U.S. side to combat the firearms trafficking to Mexico. Its objectives are as follows:

- Focus the resources of ATF's four field divisions along the border (Los Angeles, Phoenix, Dallas and Houston).
- Appoint a National Project Gunrunner Coordinator.
- Expand ATF's Gun Desk at the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC). This entity currently serves as a central repository and clearing house for weapons-related intelligence.
- Generate focused, intelligence-driven Southwest Border firearms trafficking interdiction investigations that target straw purchasers and firearms traffickers in known trafficking corridors.
- Expand and strengthen collaborative partnerships and interactions with other task forces such as:

- Border Enforcement Security Task Forces (BEST)
- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA)
- Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF)/Operation Gatekeeper
- Initiate investigations at gun shows with known firearms trafficking activities.
- Focus industry operations resources in the border region to identify Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs) who may be involved, directly or indirectly, in the trafficking of firearms to Mexico. Expand inspection activities to include focused forward traces of weapons of choice and secondary market inventories of weapons of choice. Inspections will also identify suspected straw buyers or traffickers as part of the inspection process.
- Reach out to the industry and other law enforcement agencies to inform them of ATF's role in combating firearms trafficking. Conduct firearms seminars in order to educate the firearms industry and the public (gun shows) on straw purchases and firearms trafficking.
- Provide continued and additional training in support of the Southwest Border Strategy:
  - Develop and utilize training modules in Spanish and English on firearms identification and tracing techniques.
  - Deliver additional Spanish language immersion training for ATF personnel.
  - Deliver additional sessions to various Federal, State, and local law enforcement personnel of the Southwest Border Firearms Trafficking course.

### Highlights of Recent Cases

In FY 2007, 187 Southwest border investigations were conducted, with 465 defendants referred for prosecution. Highlights of recent Southwest border cases are:

- On October 25, 2007, the ATF Mexico Office responded to assist law enforcement officers from Mexico regarding the arrest of two individuals trafficking firearms and ammunition from the United States. The individuals were arrested in Mariposa Nogales, Sonora Mexico for illegally transporting 28 handguns, 71 shotguns, 63 rifles and 19,919 rounds of assorted ammunition into Mexico. ATF participated in the interview, traced the weapons and referred the information for further investigation by ATF in the United States.
- On September 25, 2007, ATF special agents detailed in Monterrey, Mexico, responded to information that the military in Mexico had executed a search warrant at a residence in Apodaca, Nuevo Leon. Narcotics traffickers were in the residence, and one soldier and one suspect were killed in the ensuing shootout. The suspects were found in possession of six rifles, one pistol, one silencer, 729 rounds of assorted ammunition, police bulletproof vests and police uniforms.

ATF examined the firearms, submitted them for tracing and forwarded the information for further investigation by ATF in the United States.

- In January 2007, two men in Brownsville, Texas, were sentenced to prison terms for straw purchases for a Mexican firearms trafficking ring which had smuggled as many as 64 high-powered weapons into Mexico.
- In November 2006, two Mexican nationals who had purchased over 12,000 rounds of ammunition were arrested in Laredo, Texas.
- In August 2006, ATF opened an investigation in Tucson, AZ after a triple homicide of three Mexican nationals in Glendale, Arizona. One of the primary suspects in the homicides was arrested in Mexico some time later while engaged in firearms trafficking. He and another person were in possession of nine firearms when arrested by Mexican police. ATF traced all the firearms, and found that eight of those firearms were traced to different buyers within Arizona. ATF's investigation identified an organized ring involving gun buyers and gun trafficking facilitators who were smuggling firearms into Mexico. The investigation resulted in the arrest and ongoing judicial action against seven persons responsible for the trafficking of about eighty firearms, mostly AK- type rifles, into Mexico.
- In January 2006, ATF agents from the Laredo Field Office secured a Federal search warrant for a residence where they discovered a small machine shop used to build illegal firearms. The agents recovered eleven firearms, two of which had been converted into machineguns. They also took into custody two silencers and enough kits to build five more machineguns, as well as a pound of methamphetamine and two kilos of cocaine at this residence. This investigation led agents to additional locations throughout Laredo, where they recovered two more machineguns, an assault type rifle, ten grenades, eighty-one grenade hulls, dynamite, explosive sheet material, explosive fuses, drill press equipment and miscellaneous gun parts. ATF agents learned that the firearms and grenades were being built and sold to criminals connected to a Mexican drug cartel. Firearms built by the same suspects had already been recovered at other crime scenes along the border, and this investigation helped make the connection. The two principal suspects were convicted of firearms and drug violations, and sentenced to ninety months in prison.

*Mexico Statistics for Firearms  
Recovered in Mexico during*

*Fiscal Years 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008 (through December 11, 2007)*



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## ATF Firearms Trace Data Disclaimer

**Public L. No. 109-108, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2006, SEC. 621**

(1) Firearm traces are designed to assist law enforcement authorities in conducting investigations by tracking the sale and possession of specific firearms. Law enforcement agencies may request firearms traces for any reason, and those reasons are not necessarily reported to the Federal Government. Not all firearms used in crime are traced and not all firearms traced are used in crime.

(2) Firearms selected for tracing are not chosen for purposes of determining which types, makes or models of firearms are used for illicit purposes. The firearms selected do not constitute a random sample and should not be considered representative of the larger universe of all firearms used by criminals, or any subset of that universe. Firearms are normally traced to the first retail seller, and sources reported for firearms traced do not necessarily represent the sources or methods by which firearms in general are acquired for use in crime.

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HOCR-ATF A 000298

***Mexico Statistics for Firearms  
Recovered in Mexico during***

***Fiscal Years 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008 (through December 11, 2007)***

A query of the Firearms Tracing System (FTS) was used to determine which firearms were recovered in Mexico during fiscal years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 (through December 11, 2007).

Appropriate traces were determined by applying the following:

- Firearm traces with a recovery country of Mexico.
- Firearm traces with a recovery date between October 1, 2004 and December 11, 2007. If the recovery date was blank, traces with an entered date between October 1, 2004 and December 11, 2007, were selected.
- Duplicate traces, Firearms Not Recovered, Gun Buy Back, and Firearms Turned In were excluded.

FY 2005FY 2006FY 2007FY 2008  
(through December 11, 2007)**(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)**

Recovery Country was identified as Mexico

**(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)**

Duplicate Traces

**(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)**

Traces with a 'Firearm Not Recovered' indicator and are not considered crime guns

**(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)***Number of firearms recovered and traced from Mexico*

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HOCR-ATF A 000299

*Mexico Statistics for Firearms  
Recovered in Mexico during*

*Fiscal Years 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008 (through December 11, 2007)*

**Weapon Types Recovered in Mexico**

Fiscal Year 2005	
Weapon Type	# of Traces
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	

Fiscal Year 2006	
Weapon Type	# of Traces
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	

Fiscal Year 2007	
Weapon Type	# of Traces
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	

Fiscal Year 2008 (through December 11, 2007)	
Weapon Type	# of Traces
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	

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**Mexico Statistics for Firearms  
Recovered in Mexico during**

*Fiscal Years 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008 (through December 11, 2007)*

**Top Source States for  
Firearms Recovered in Mexico**

Fiscal Year 2005	
State	# of Traces
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	
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Fiscal Year 2006	
State	# of Traces
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**Mexico Statistics for Firearms  
Recovered in Mexico during**

*Fiscal Years 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008 (through December 11, 2007)*

**Top Source States for  
Firearms Recovered in Mexico (continued)**

Fiscal Year 2007	
State	# of Traces
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(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)	
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Fiscal Year 2008 (through December 11, 2007)	
State	# of Traces
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***Mexico Statistics for Firearms  
Recovered in Mexico during***

***Fiscal Years 2005, 2006, 2007 & 2008 (through December 11, 2007)***

**Firearms with  
Obliterated Serial Numbers  
Recovered in Mexico**

	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008 <i>(through December 11, 2007)</i>
<b># of Traces</b>	(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)			

\* Traces must contain the "Obliterated Serial Number" indicator to be included.

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information

Violent Crime Intelligence Division, Violent Crime Analysis Branch, #076657

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**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 4:16 PM  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Disregard my last...for your review  
**Attachments:** synopsis.doc (b) (7)(A)  
**Categories:** IG, F&F

Boss -

For your review.

**George T. Gillett**  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
ATF - Phoenix Field Division  
Office: (602) 776-5400

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 12:49 PM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Subject:** Disregard my last...for your review

(b) (7)(C)  
Special Agent Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (7)(C)

**(b)(7)(A) & (C)** IN#785115-10-0004

1. **(b)(7)(A)** ATF Group VII Special Agents initiated an investigation into suspected firearms trafficking by,

- **(b)(7)(C)** date of birth **(b)(7)(C)**, **(b)(7)(C)**, Social Security Number (SSN) **(b)(7)(C)**
- **(b)(7)(C)**
- **(b)(7)(C)**
- **(b)(7)(C)**
- **(b)(7)(C)** date of birth **(b)(7)(C)**, **(b)(7)(C)**, SSN **(b)(7)(C)**
- **(b)(7)(C)** date of birth **(b)(7)(C)**, **(b)(7)(C)**, SSN **(b)(7)(C)**
- **(b)(7)(C)**

2. **(b)(7)(C)** ATF Group VII special Agents **(b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A)**  
**(b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A)**

3. **(b)(7)(A)**  
**(b)(7)(A)**  
**(b)(7)(A)**

4. **(b)(7)(A)**  
**(b)(7)(A)** **(b)(7)(A)**

5. **(b)(7)(A) & (C)**

6. **(b)(7)(A) & (C)**  
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**(b)(7)(A)**

7. **(b)(7)(A)**  
**(b)(7)(A) & (C)**  
**(b)(7)(A)**  
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10. (b)(7)(A) & (E) [redacted]  
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12. (b)(3) - Filed Under Seal 18USC §2510-2520 [redacted]

13. (b) (7)(A) [redacted]

14. (b) (7)(A) [redacted]

**INVESTIGATIVE STEPS TAKEN/INVESTIGATIVE PLAN**

**Investigate Steps Taken**

- [REDACTED]
- (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)
- (b) (7)(A)
- (b) (7)(A)
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- (b) (7)(A)
- (b) (7)(A)
- (b) (7)(A)
- (b)(7)(A) & (C)
- (b)(7)(A) & (C)
- (b)(7)(A) & (C)
- [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (C)
- (b)(7)(A) & (C)
- [REDACTED]
- Obtained ICE point of contact, (b) (7)(C)

**Investigative Plan**

- (b)(7)(A) & (C)
- (b) (7)(E)
- (b) (7)(E)
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- (b) (7)(E)
- (b) (7)(E)
- (b) (7)(E)



FFL's  
[Redacted]

(b) (7)(C) [Redacted]

Associate

(b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) [Redacted] (b) (7)(C)

Associate

(b) (7)(C) [Redacted]

Associate

All Firearms Recovered  
in Mexico 11/29/2009

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Created by  
Investigative Analyst  
(b) (7)(C)  
12/7/2009



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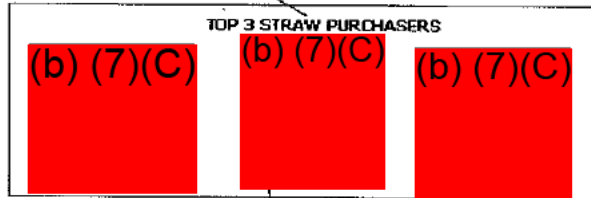
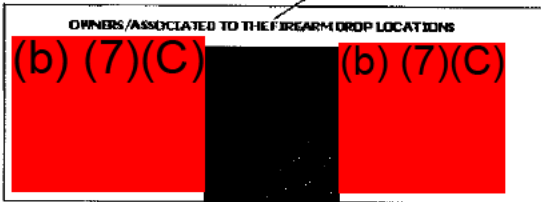
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**Total Firearms  
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Feb 27, 2010  
785115-10-0004**

**(b) (7)(C)**

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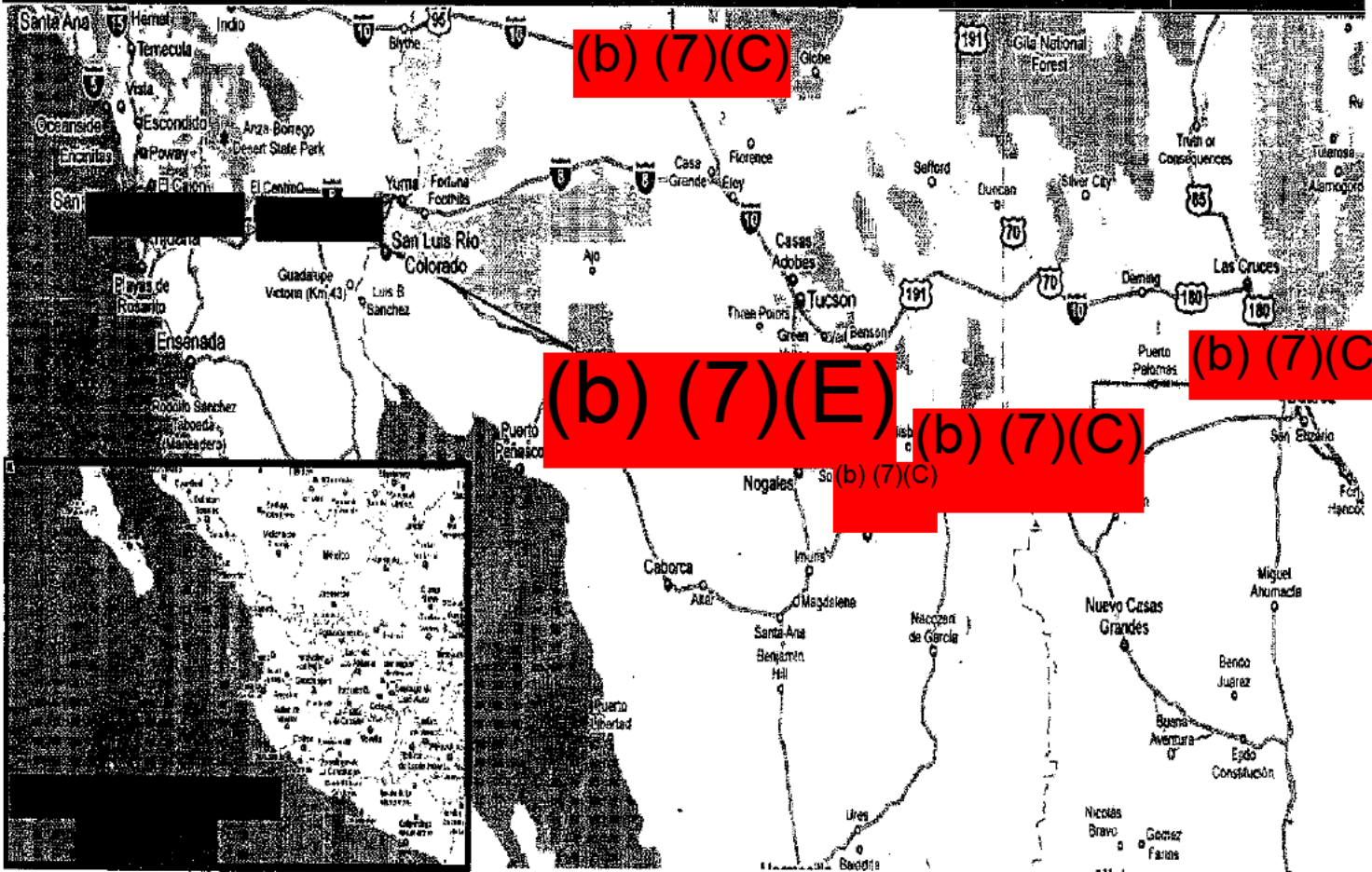
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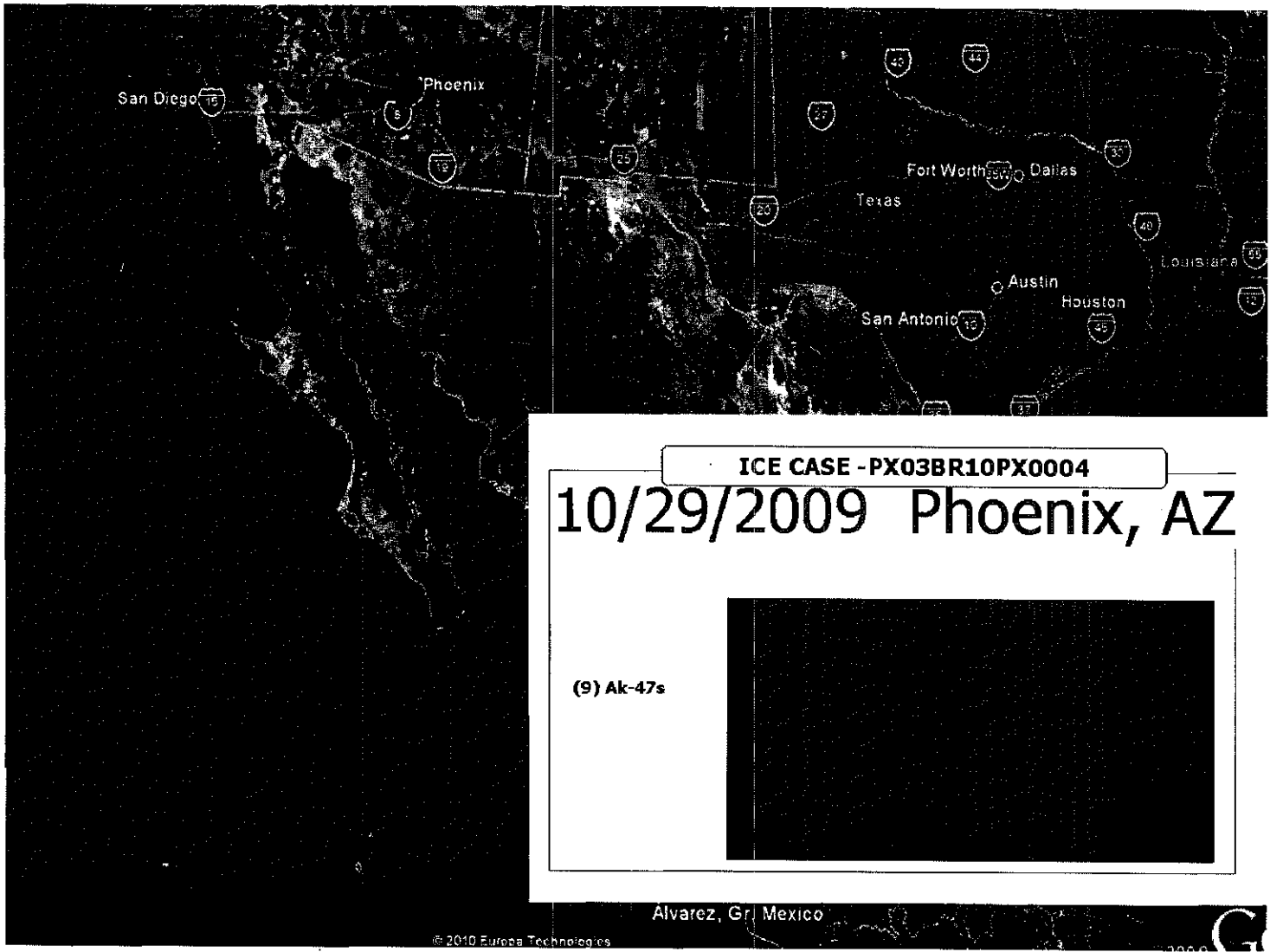
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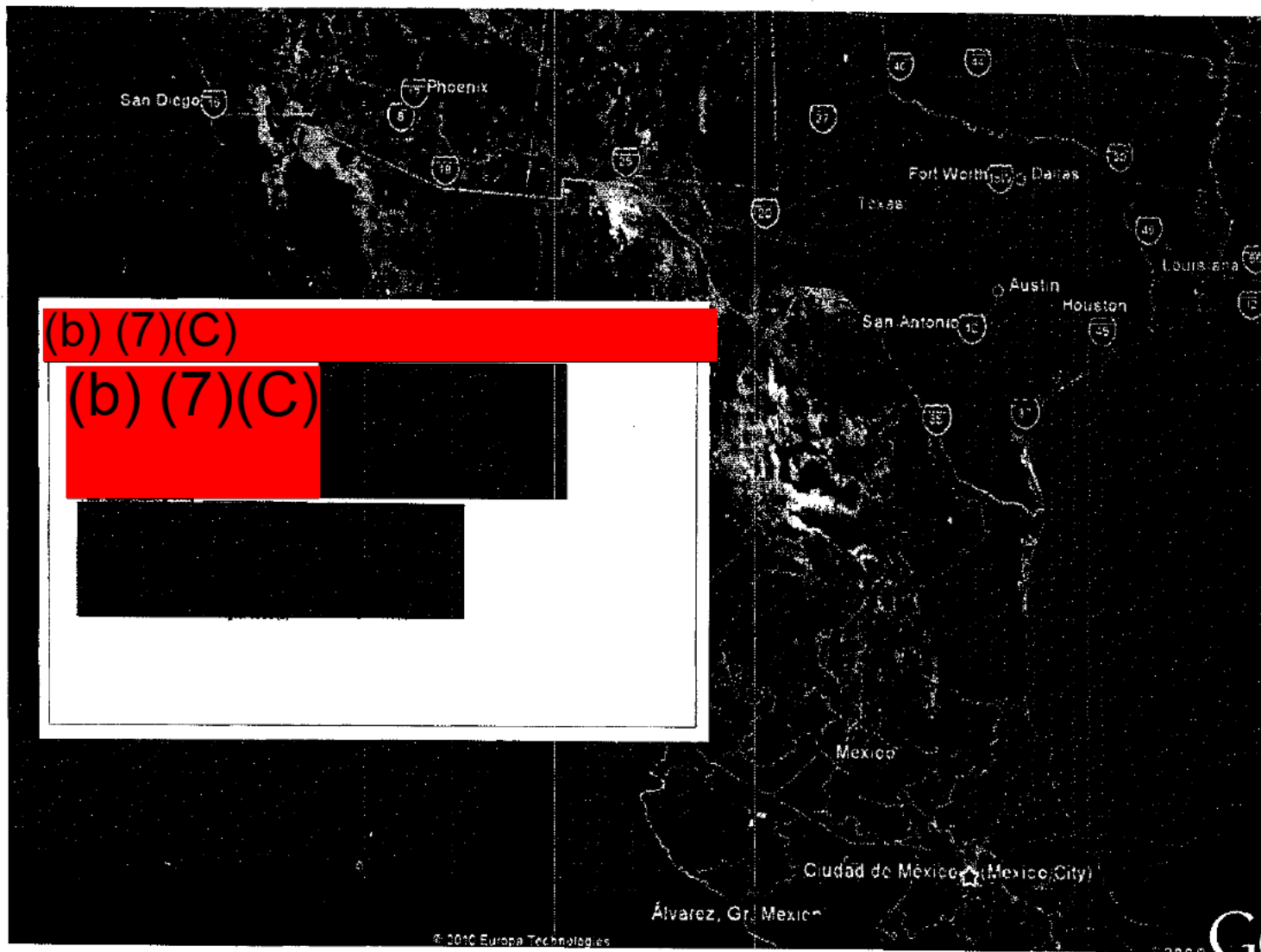
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PURCHASE SUMMARY		GUN	INVOICE	NOTES
	NAME	PURCHASES	TOTAL	
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	(b) (7)(C)	(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)		
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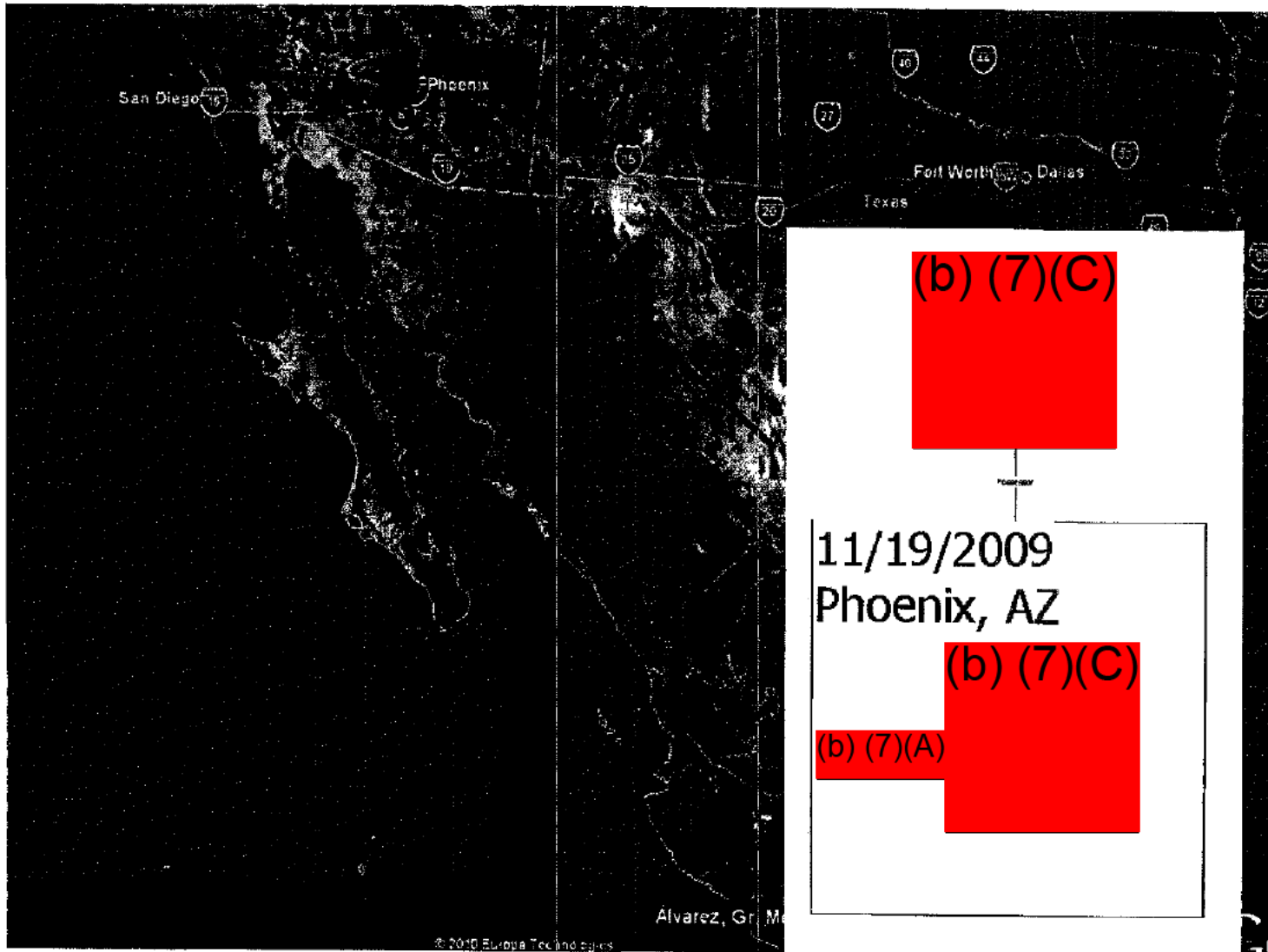
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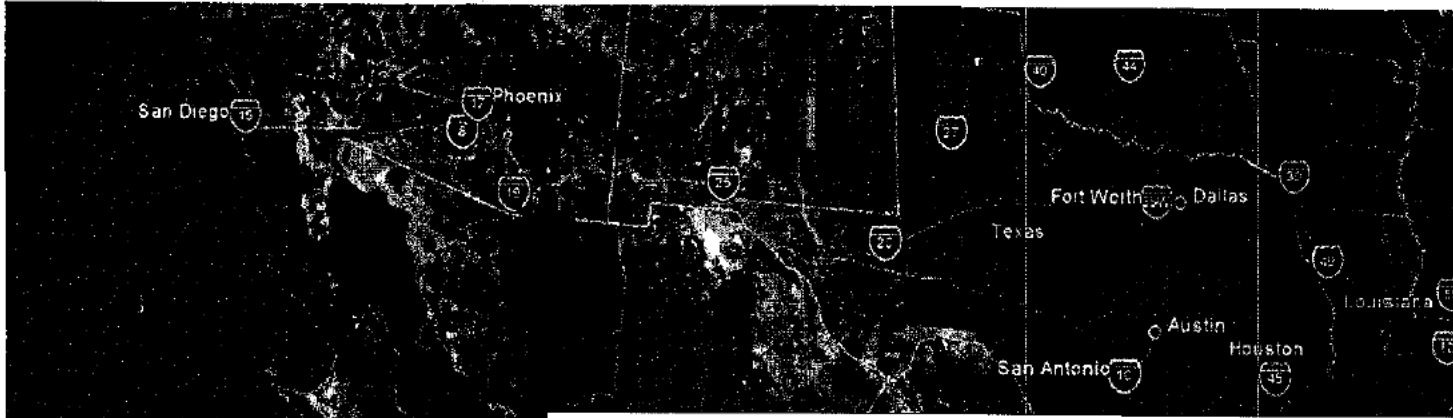




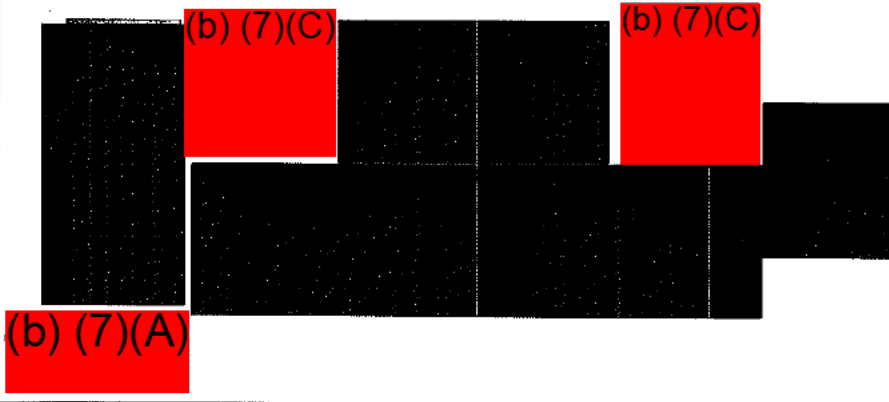
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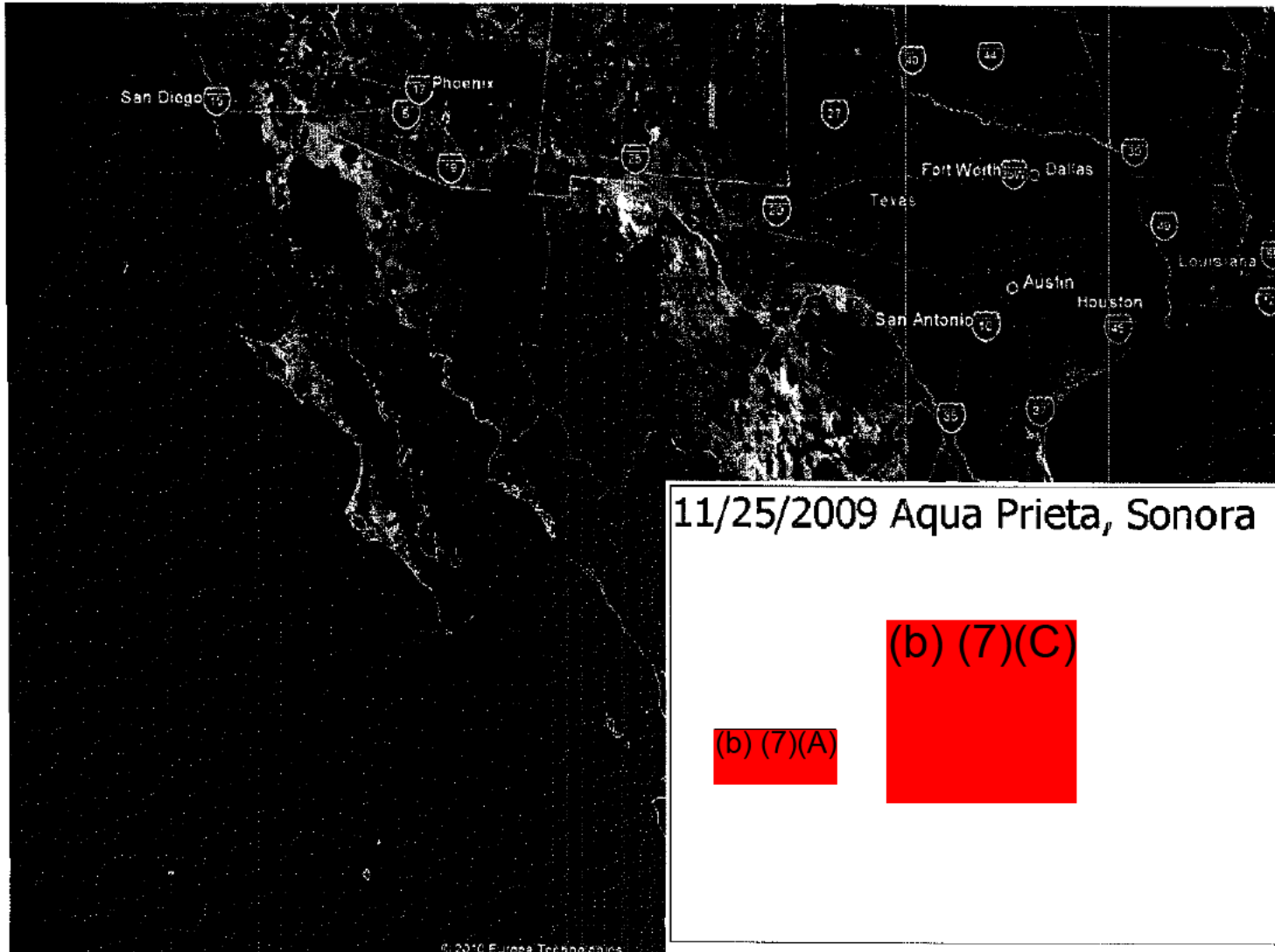






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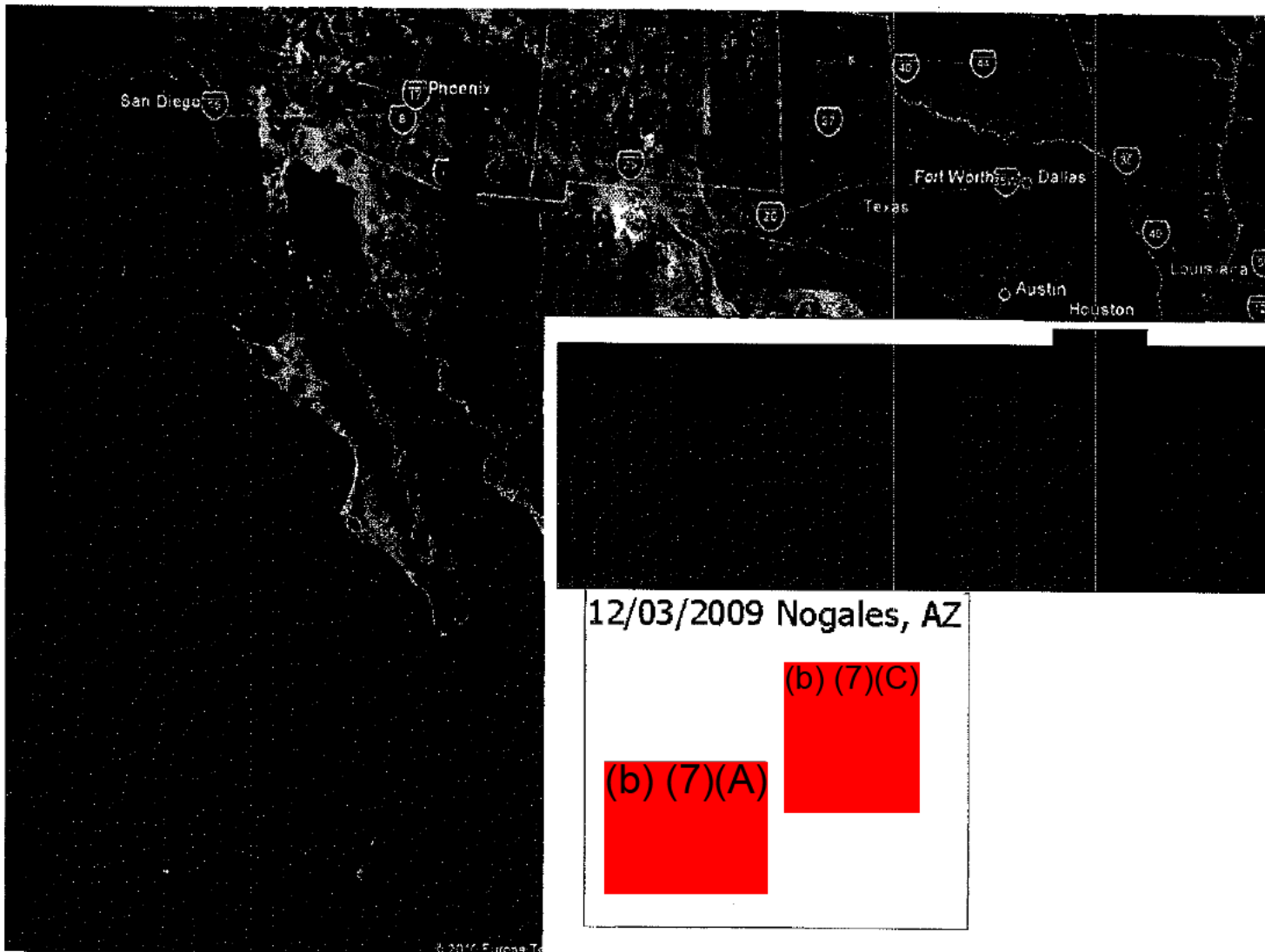




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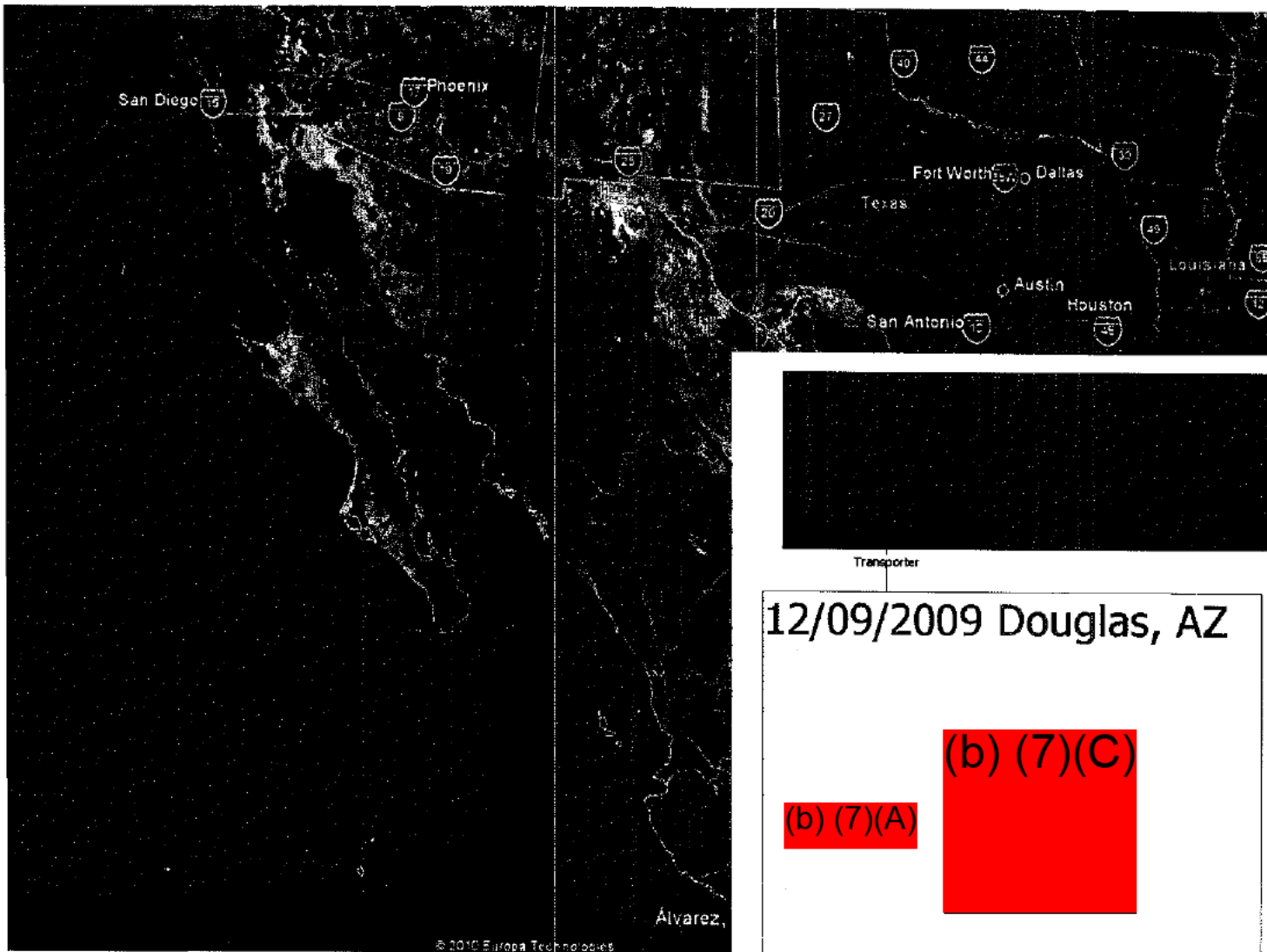
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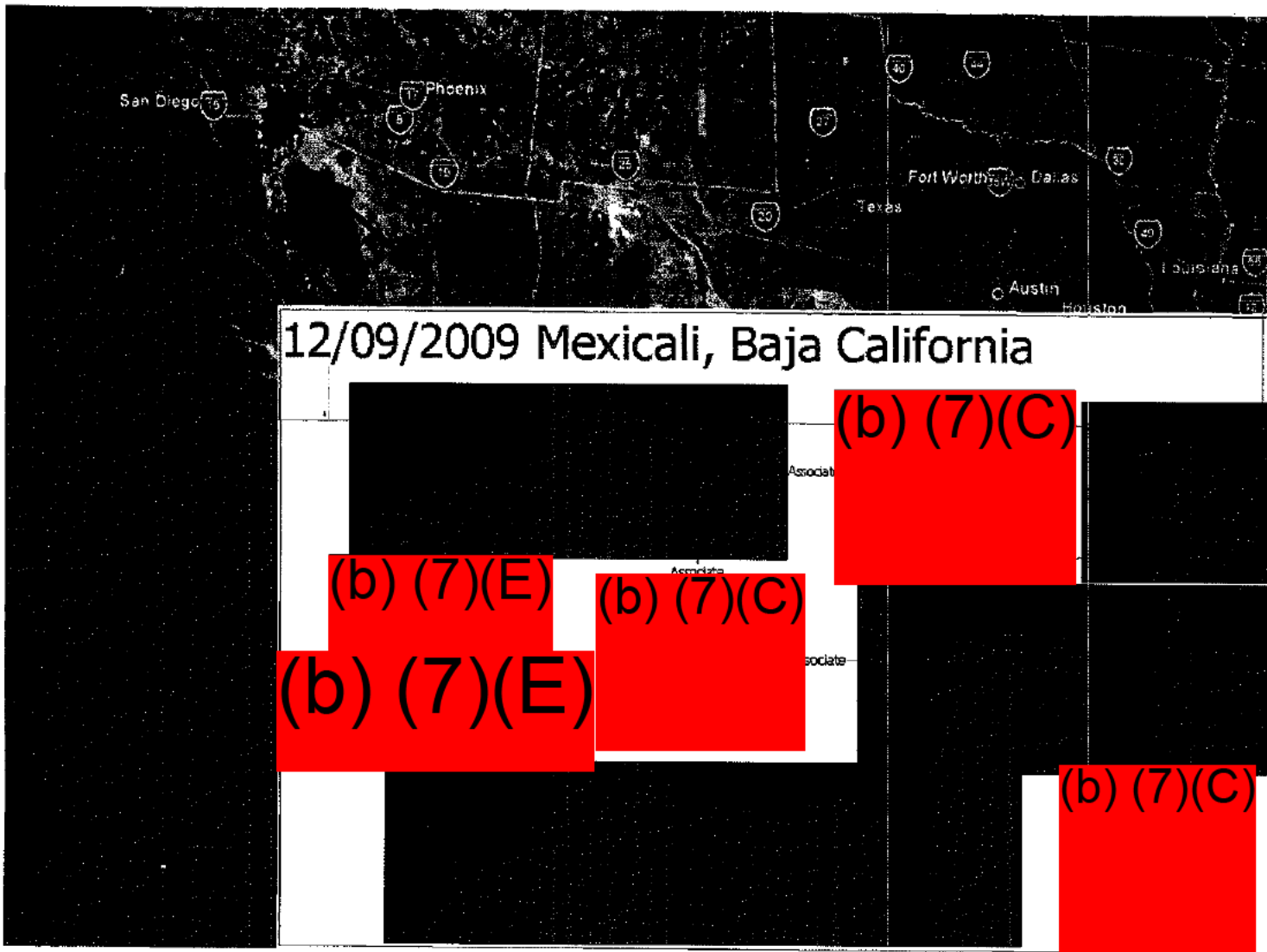
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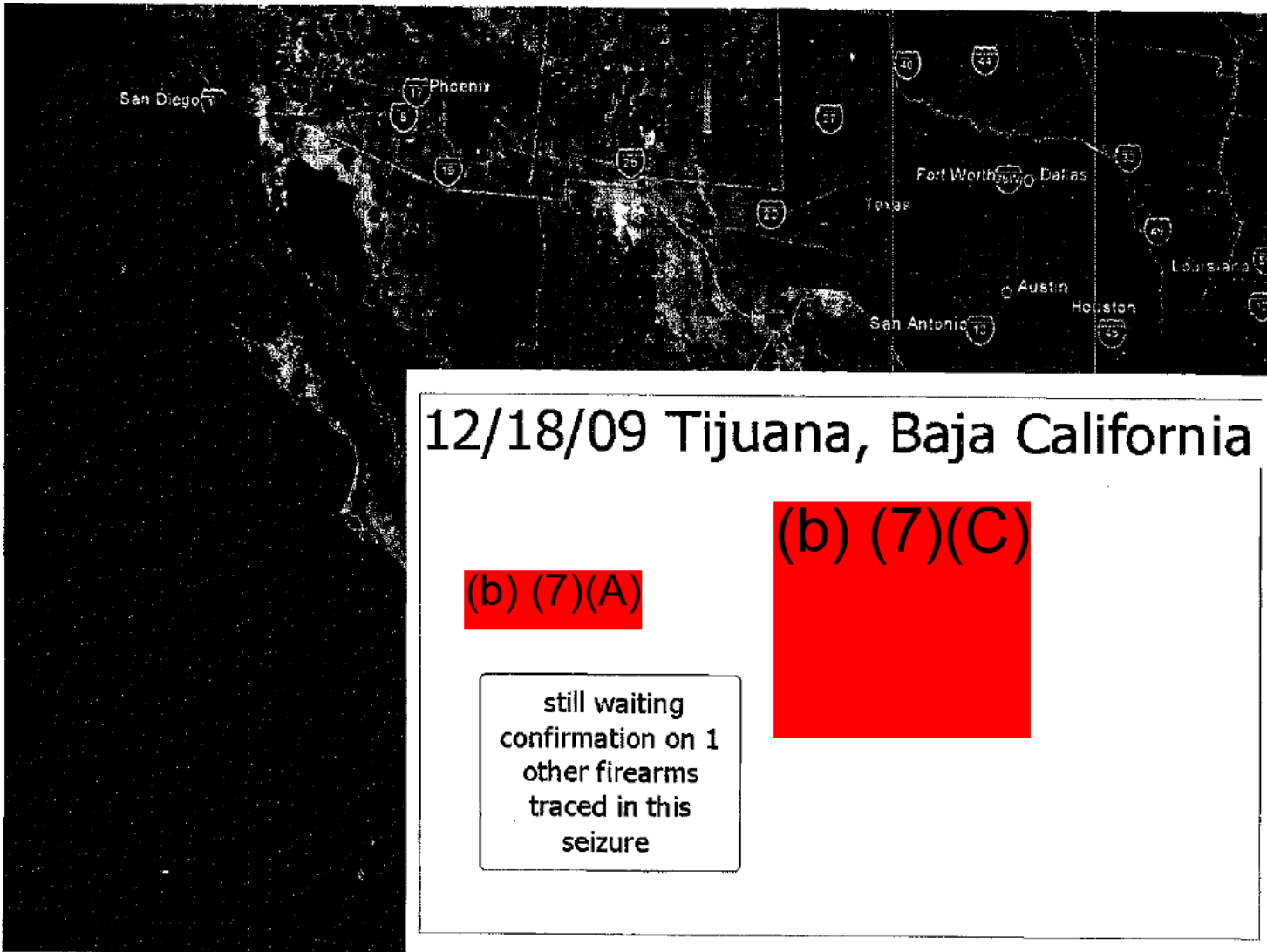
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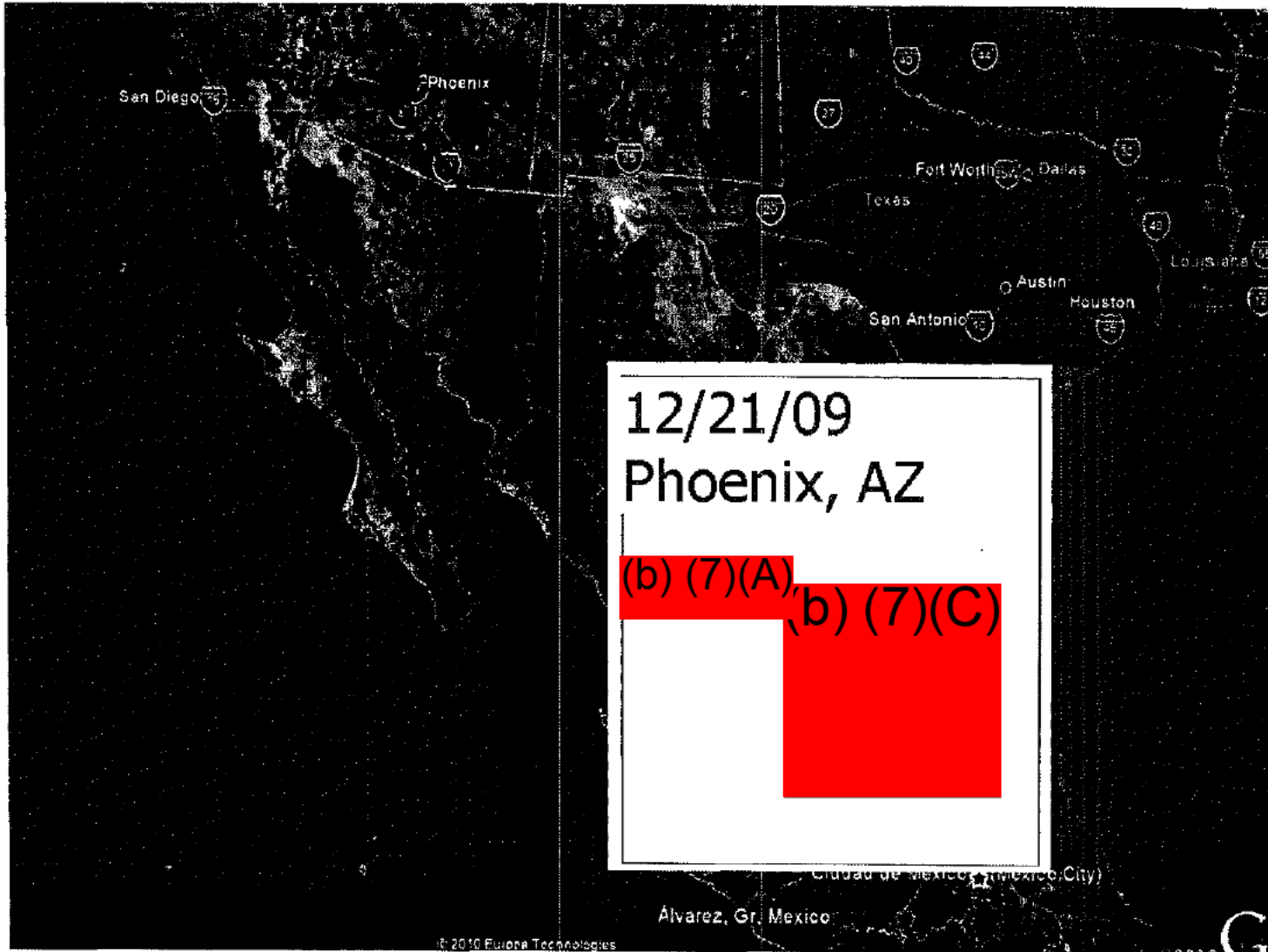
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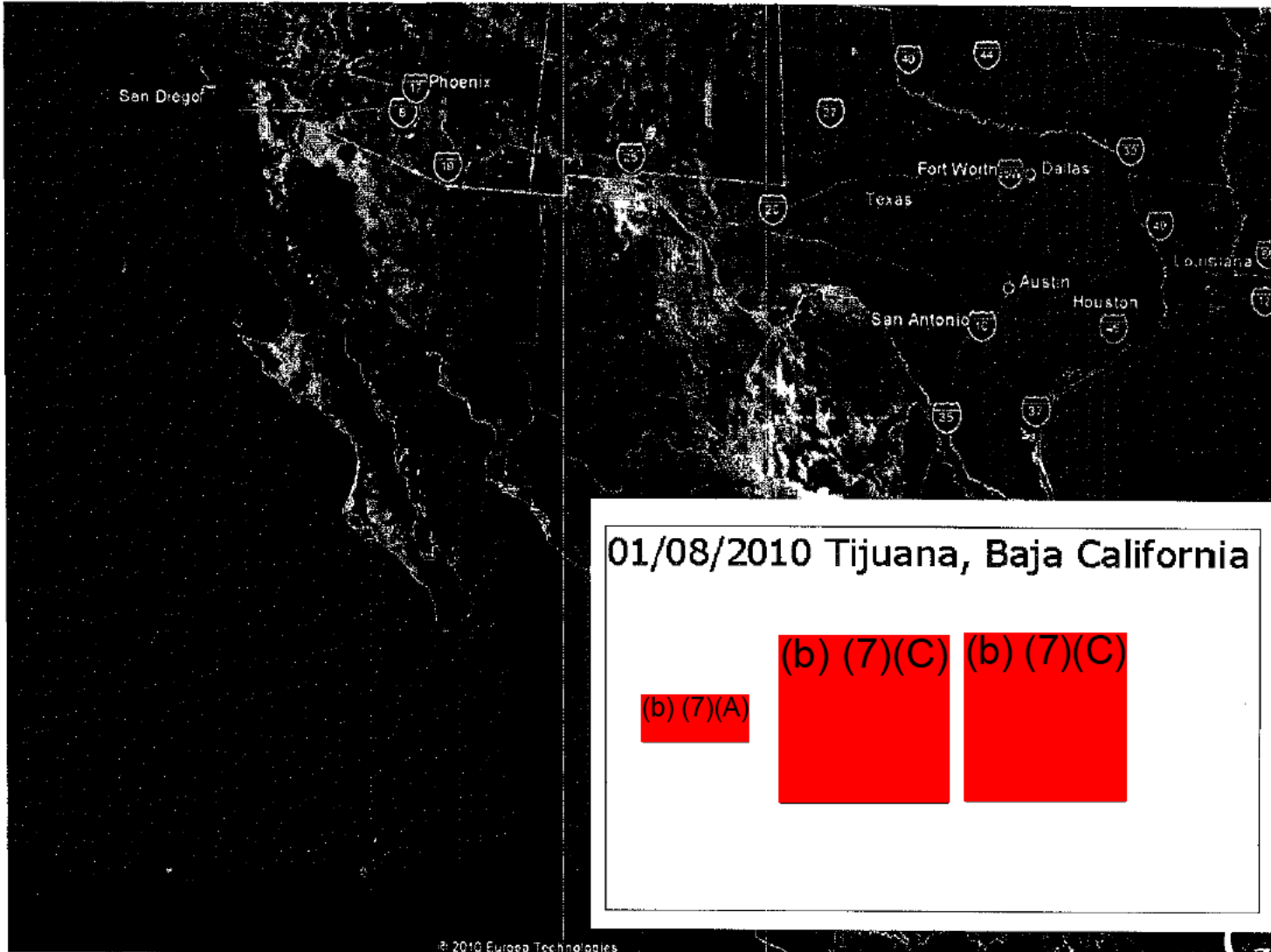
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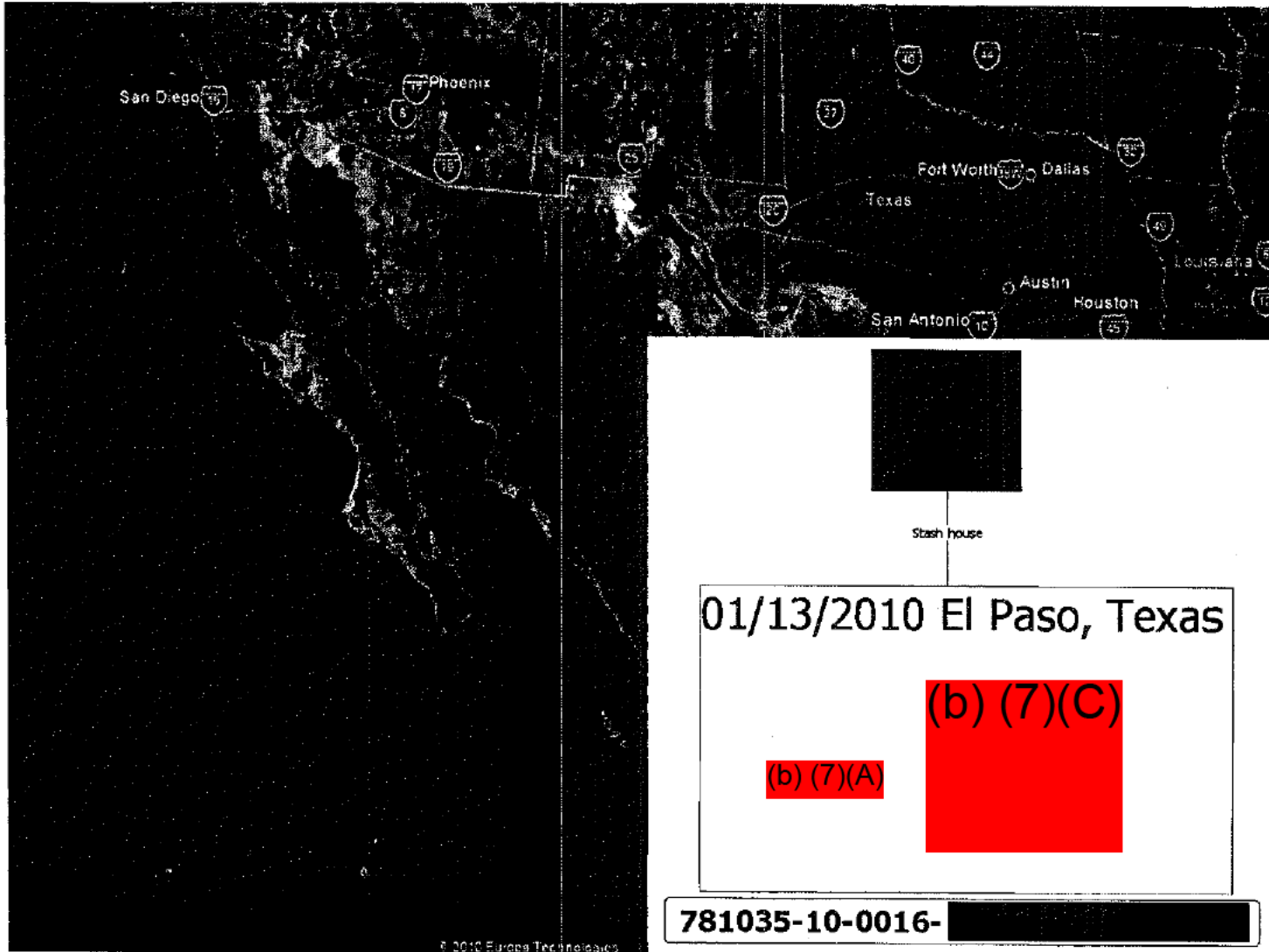
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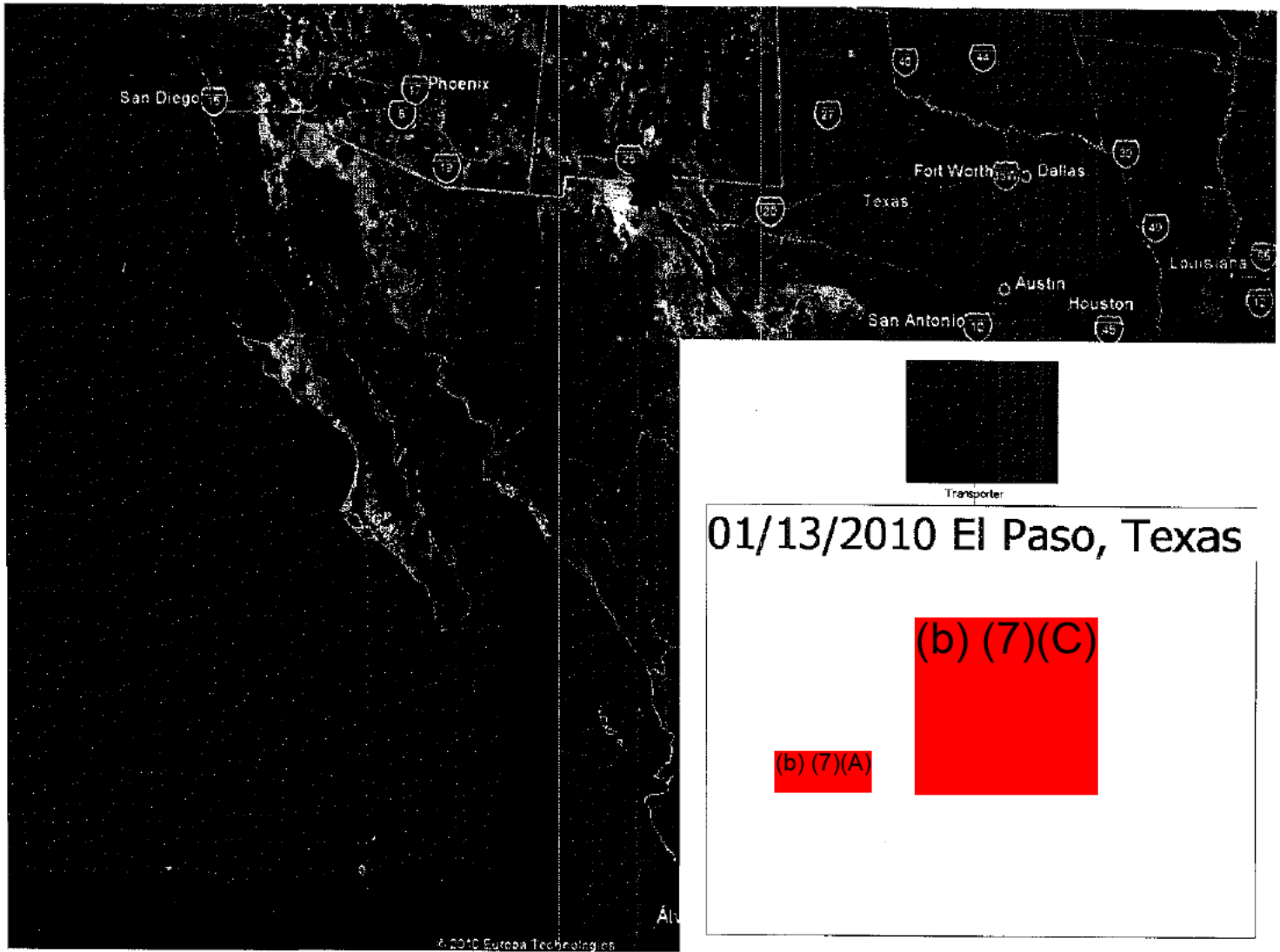
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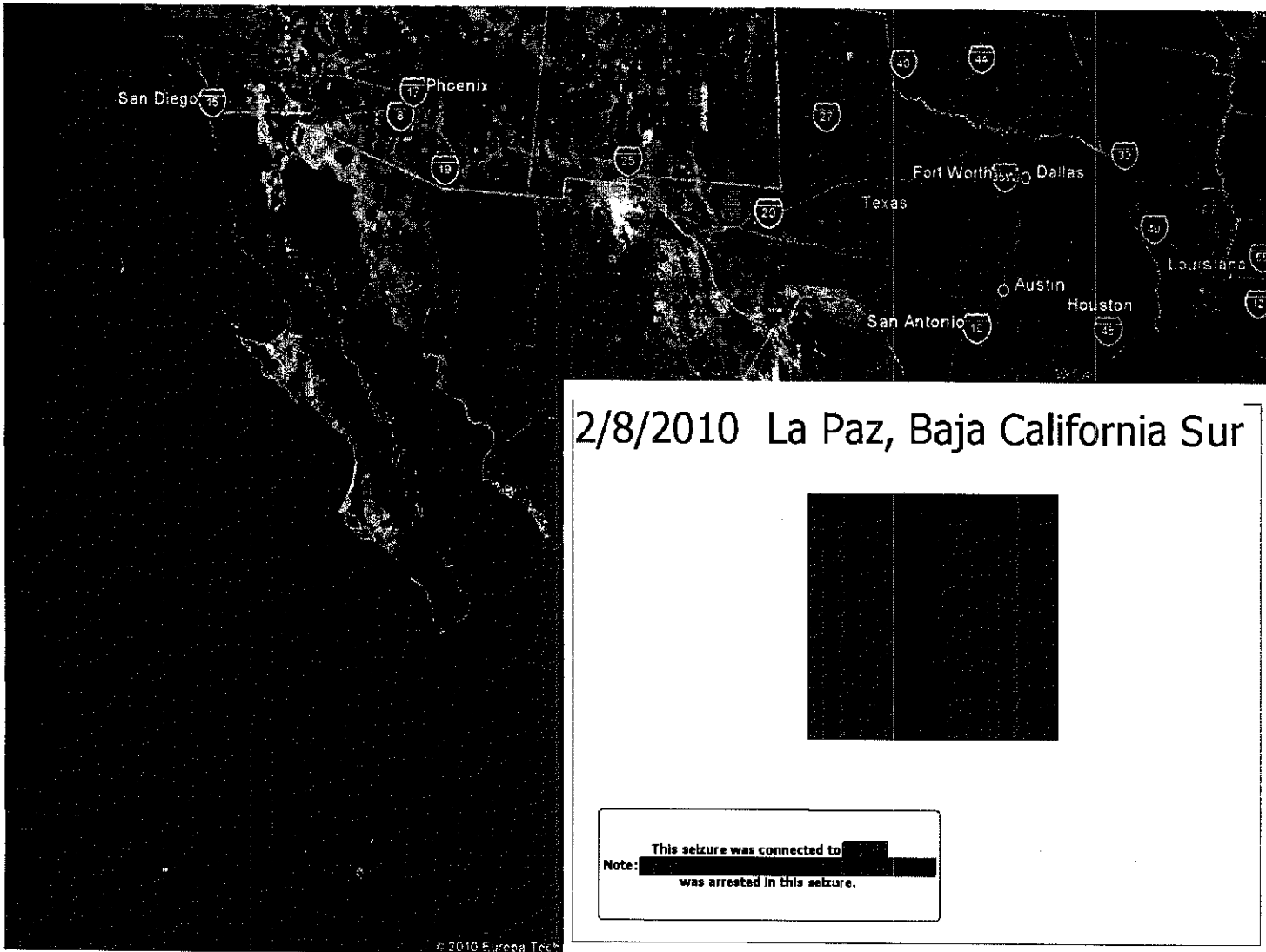




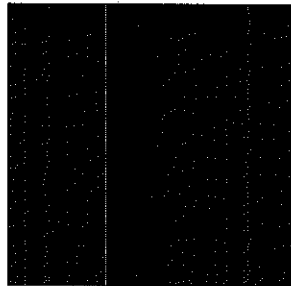
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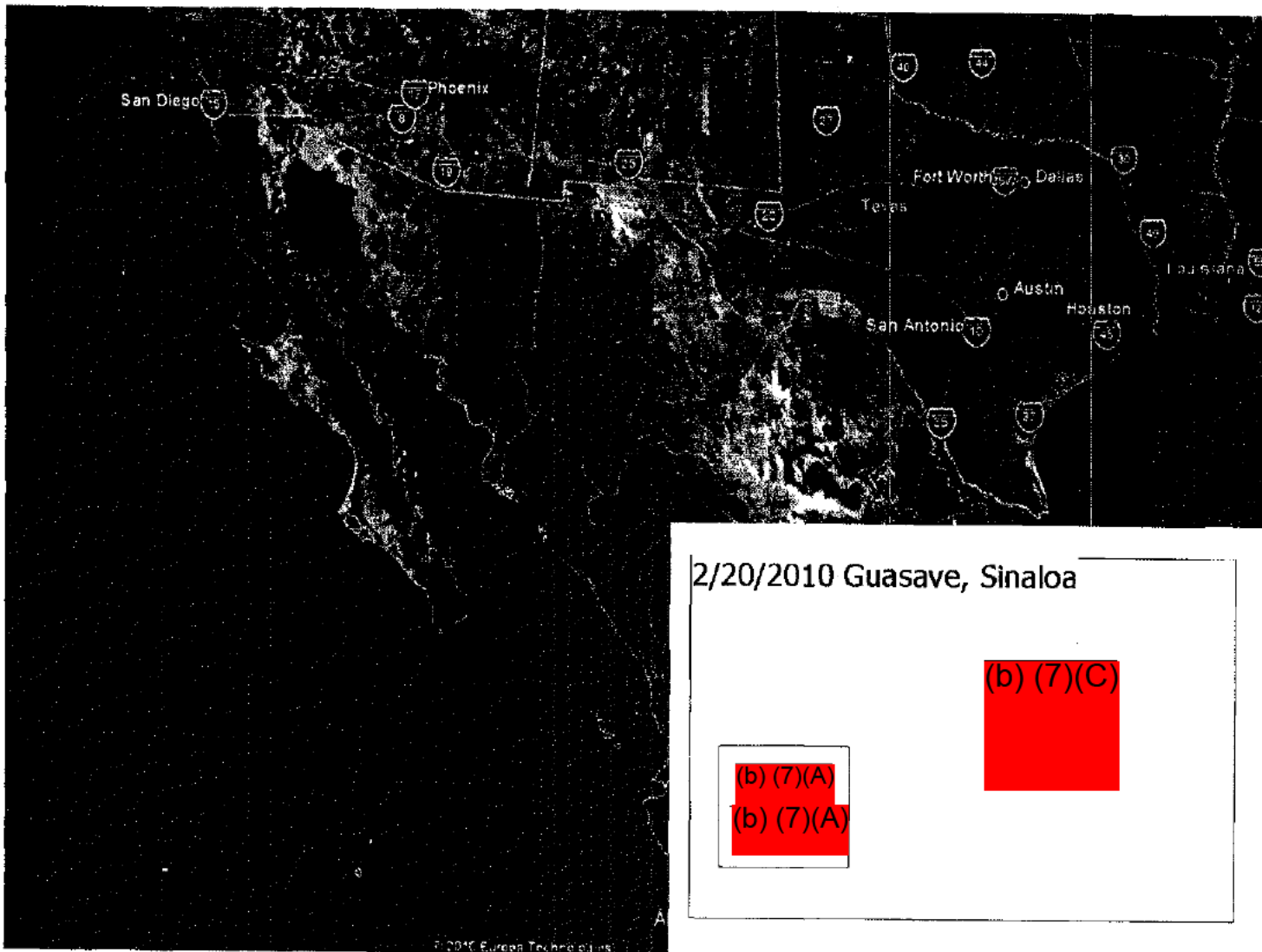
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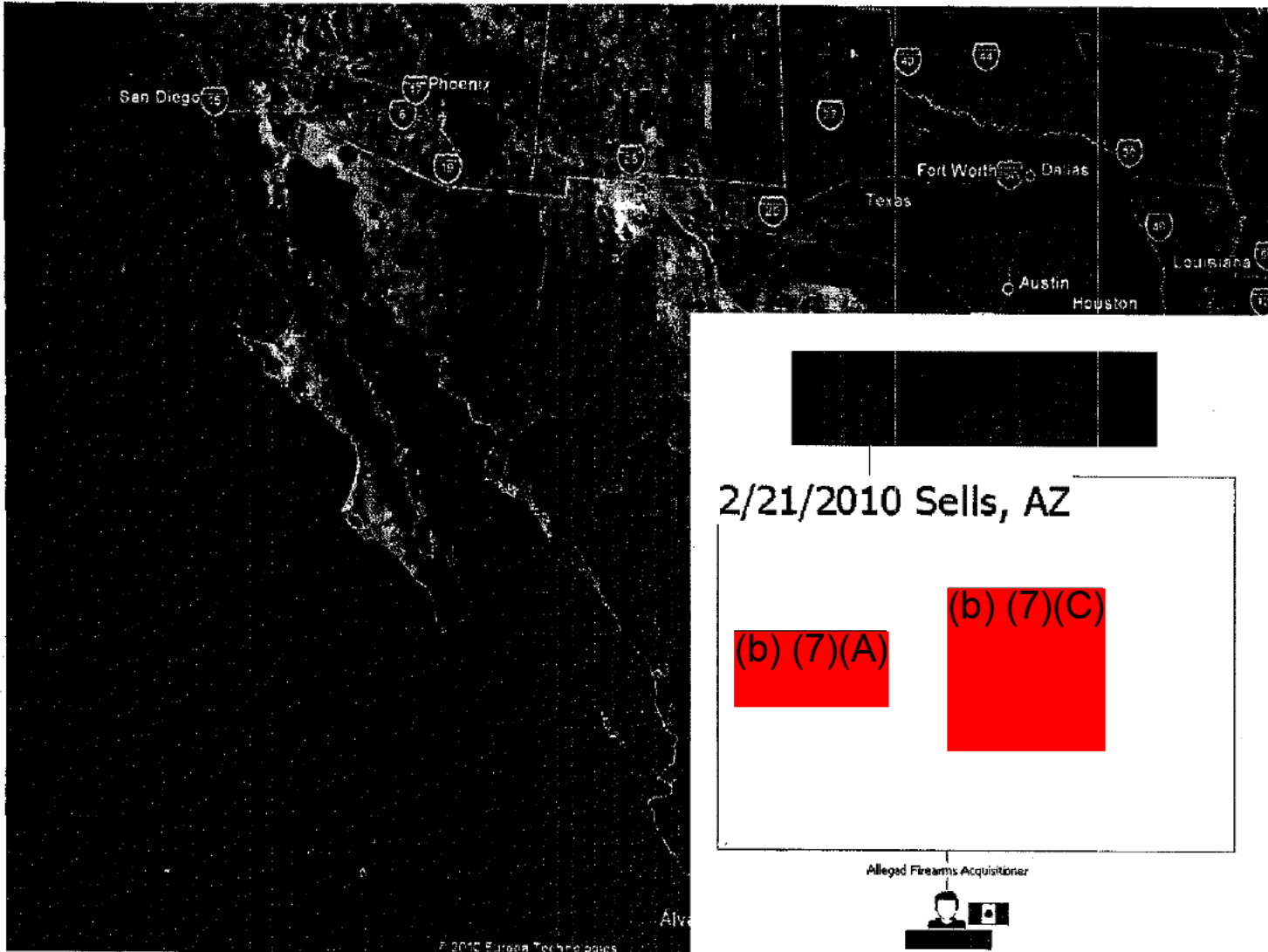


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Note: [redacted] was arrested in this seizure.







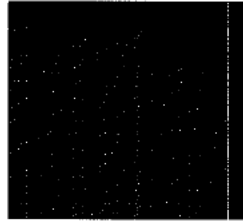
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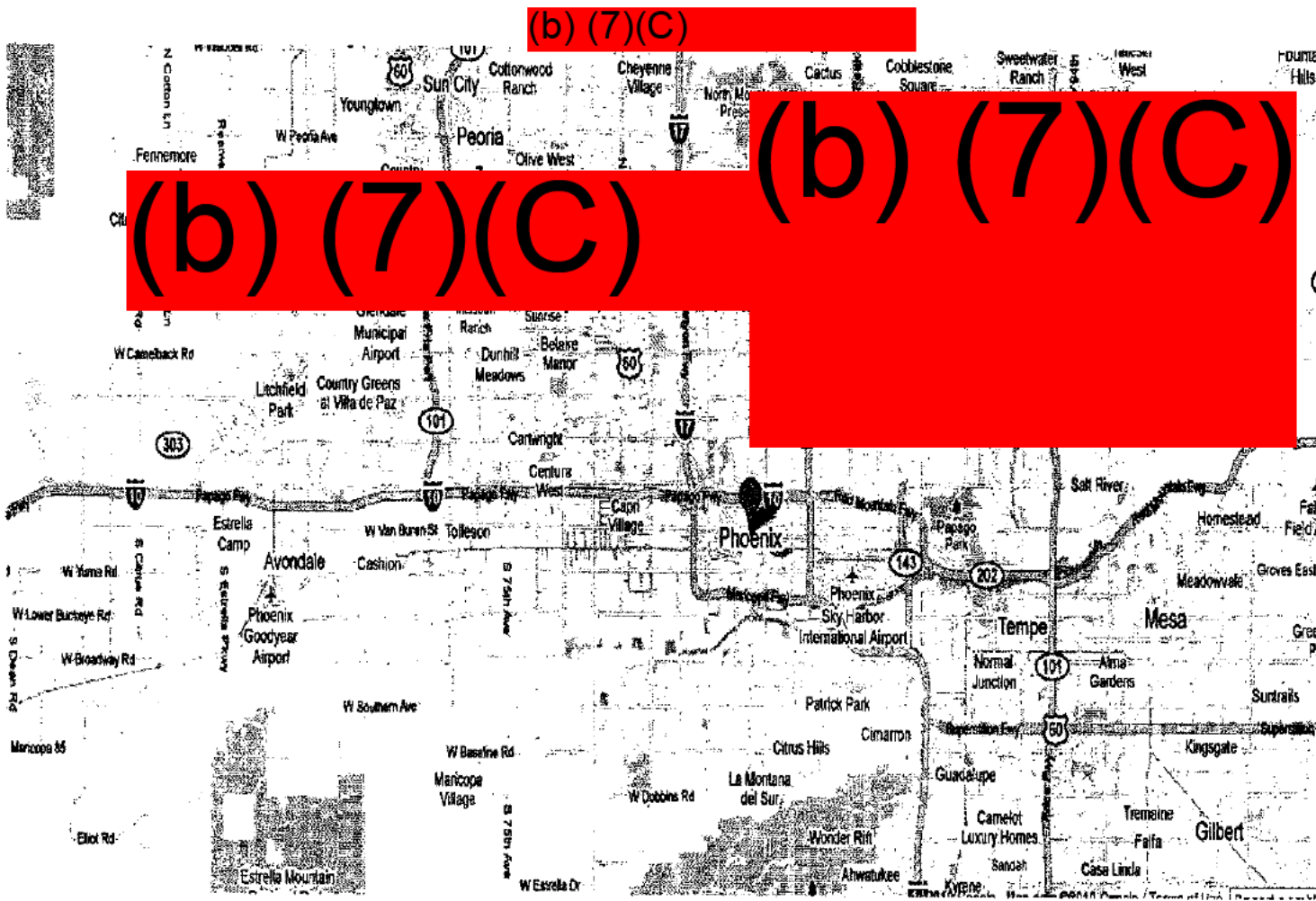
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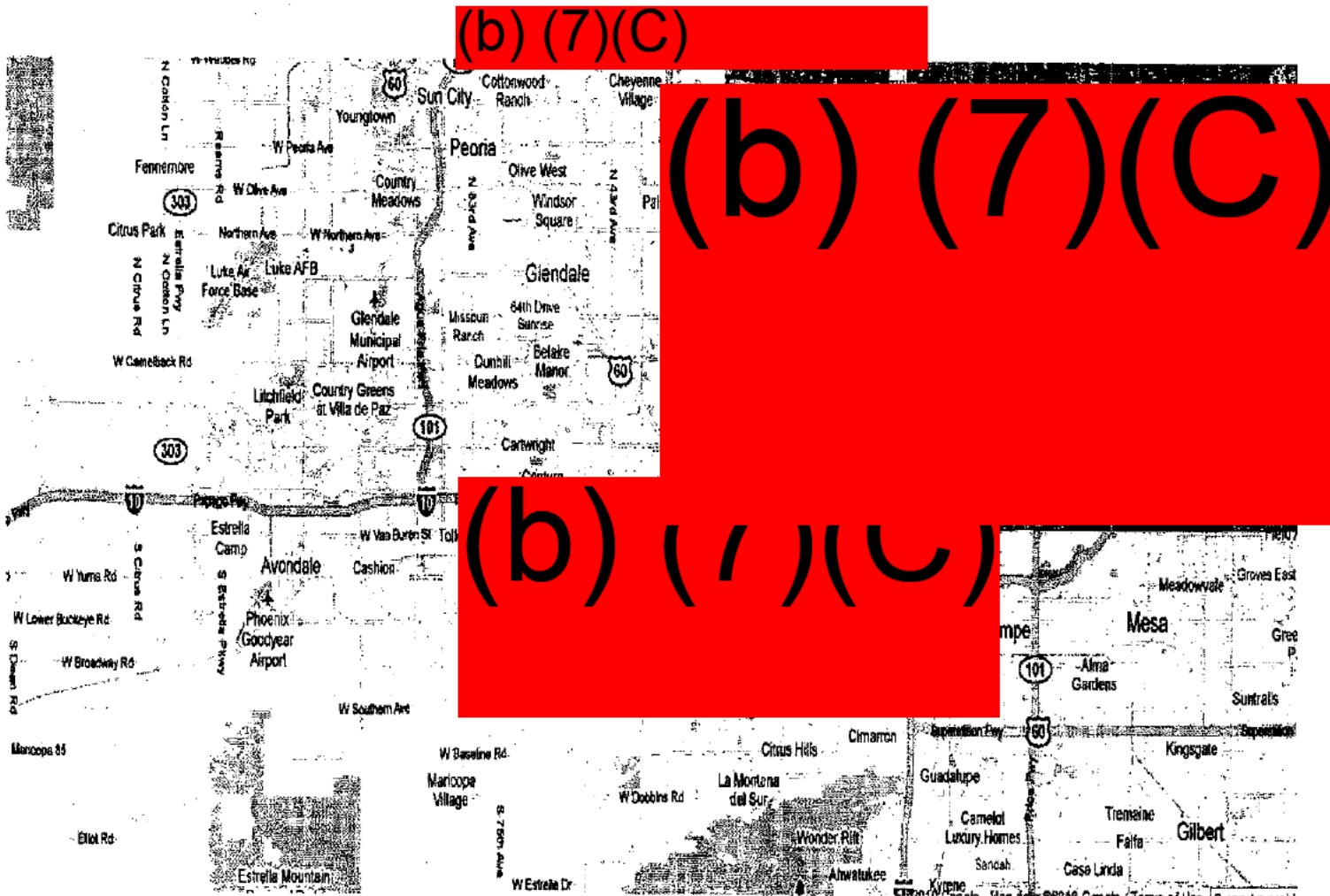
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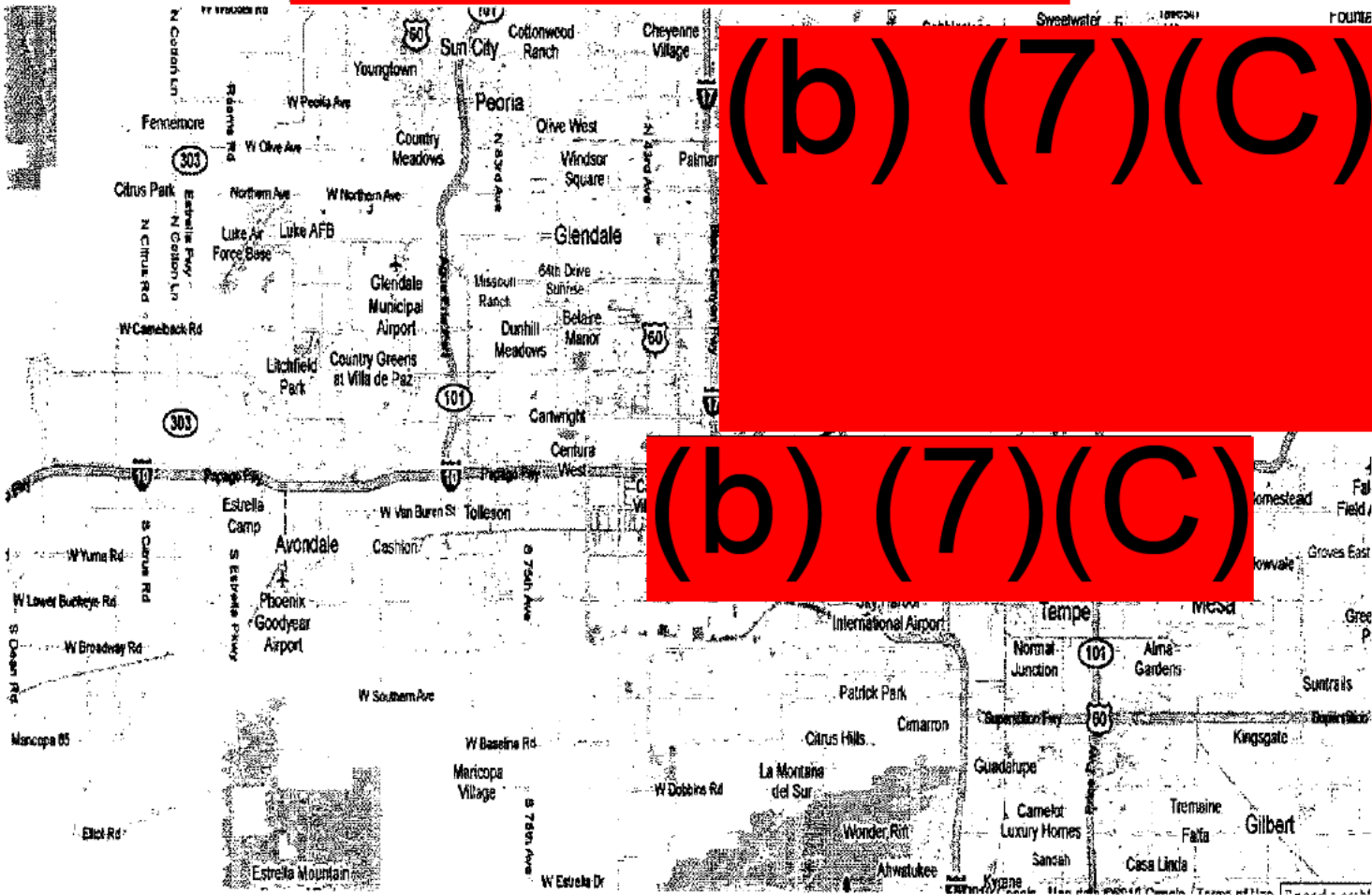








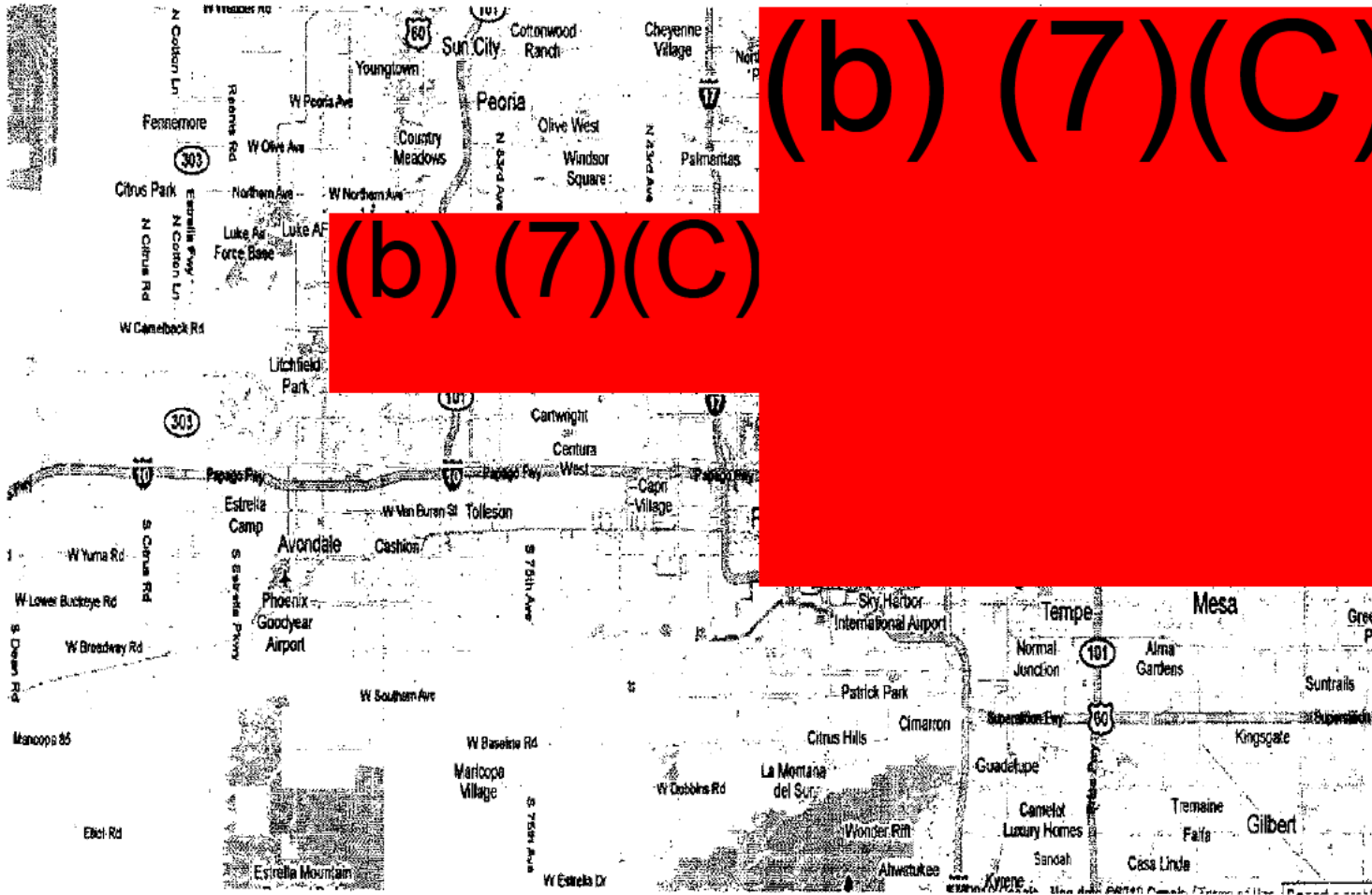
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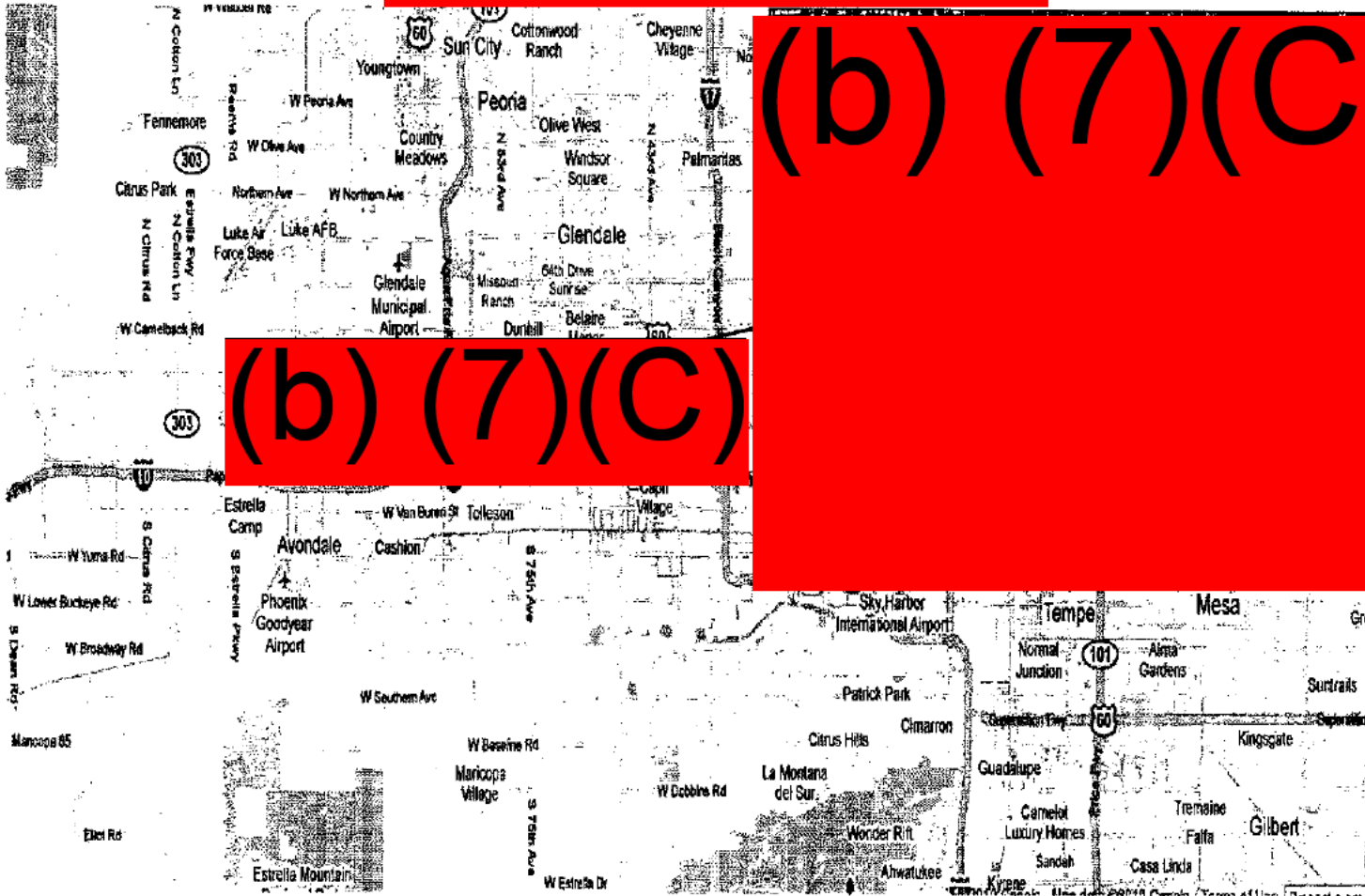
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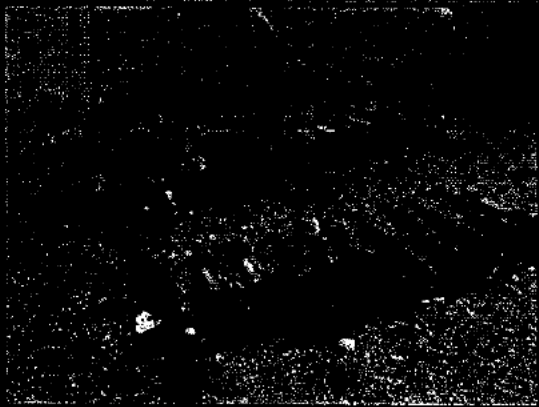
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## Associated Cases



- Phoenix 785115-04-0004  
(b) (7)(C)
- Tucson 785085 (b) (7)(A)  
(Operation Wide Receiver)
- Phoenix 785115 (b) (7)(A)  
  
STRIKEFORCE)
- El Paso 781035 (b) (7)(A)

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**Briefing Paper**

Phoenix Field Division

Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force/Gunrunner)

ATF Investigation 785115-10-0004

Operation: Fast & Furious, OCDETF No. SW-AZP-0496

**Case Background**

The Phoenix Group VII Field Office is leading an investigation entitled "Operation Fast & Furious" in conjunction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Phoenix Police Department (PPD). This operation was approved as an OCDETF case by the Southwest Region as SW-AZP-0496.

Since October 2009, ATF and the other partners listed above have been investigating a firearm trafficking organization (b) (7)(A)

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During the course of this investigation ATF agents [REDACTED]

(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)

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Over the past several weeks agents, in conjunction with the investigative partners and the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) (b)(5) & (7(A)) (b)(5) & (7(A))

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(b)(5) & (7(A))  
(b)(5) & (7(A))

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> SAC Newell and ASAC Needles met with USA Burke, Chief of Criminal (b) (7)(C) and the lead AUSA for this case and discussed all these matters.

(b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A) This is due to several factors not the  
least of which are the (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)

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**List of Defendants Referred to USAO for Prosecution:**



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**Proposed Charges:**

1. (b) (5) [Redacted]
2. (b) (5) [Redacted]
3. (b) (5) [Redacted]
4. (b) (5) [Redacted]
5. (b) (5) [Redacted]
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13. (b) (5) [Redacted]
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15. (b) (5) [Redacted]

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**Phoenix Field Division**

**Phoenix Group VII**

**(OCDETF Strike Force/Gunrunner Group)**

**ATF Investigation 785115-10-0004**

**Operation: Fast & Furious, OCDETF No. SW-AZ-0496**

**January 14, 2011**

**Purpose:** Indictment and arrest of approximately nineteen individuals involved in firearms trafficking to Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations/Cartels.

**Date of Operation:** January 25, 2011.

**Background:** Since October 2009, ATF, and other partners, have been investigating a firearm trafficking organization (b) (7)(A)

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ATF agents (b)(7)(A) & (E)

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**Evidence in ATF Custody:** (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)

**OPERATION DETAILS:**

**Command Post:** [REDACTED]

**Incident Commander(s):** Incident Commander ASAC Jim Needles.

**Arrest Teams:** (b) (7)(E)

**Additional ATF Support:** (b) (7)(E)  
(b) (7)(E)

**Specialized ATF Support:** (b) (7)(E)

**Issues/Problems:** No issues or problems that are anticipated.

**Anticipated Seizures:** No significant seizures are anticipated during the enforcement operation.

**Media:** Acting Director Melson, SAC Newell, and United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Dennis Burke will hold a press conference at the U.S. Attorney's Office.

**Action or Follow-up:** This is considered "Phase I" of the judicial process. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] additional straw purchasers have been identified by ATF associated with this organization. Subsequent indictments and superseding indictments are anticipated.

**Participants:** ATF, IRS, DEA, ICE (HSI), USMS, Phoenix PD, USDA-OIG.

**Case Agent:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Telephone:** (b) (7)(C)

**RAC/GS:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Telephone:** (b) (7)(C)

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**Briefing Paper**

Phoenix Field Division

Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force/Gunrunner)

ATF Investigation 785115-10-0004

Operation: Fast & Furious, OCDETF No. SW-AZP-0496

**Case Background**

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During the course of this investigation ATF agents [redacted]

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Over the past several weeks agents, in conjunction with the investigative partners and the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) (b)(5) & (7(A)) (b)(5) & (7(A))

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On December 3<sup>rd</sup> SAC Newell and ASAC Needles met with USA Burke, Chief of Criminal (b)(7)(C) and the lead AUSA for this case and discussed all these matters.

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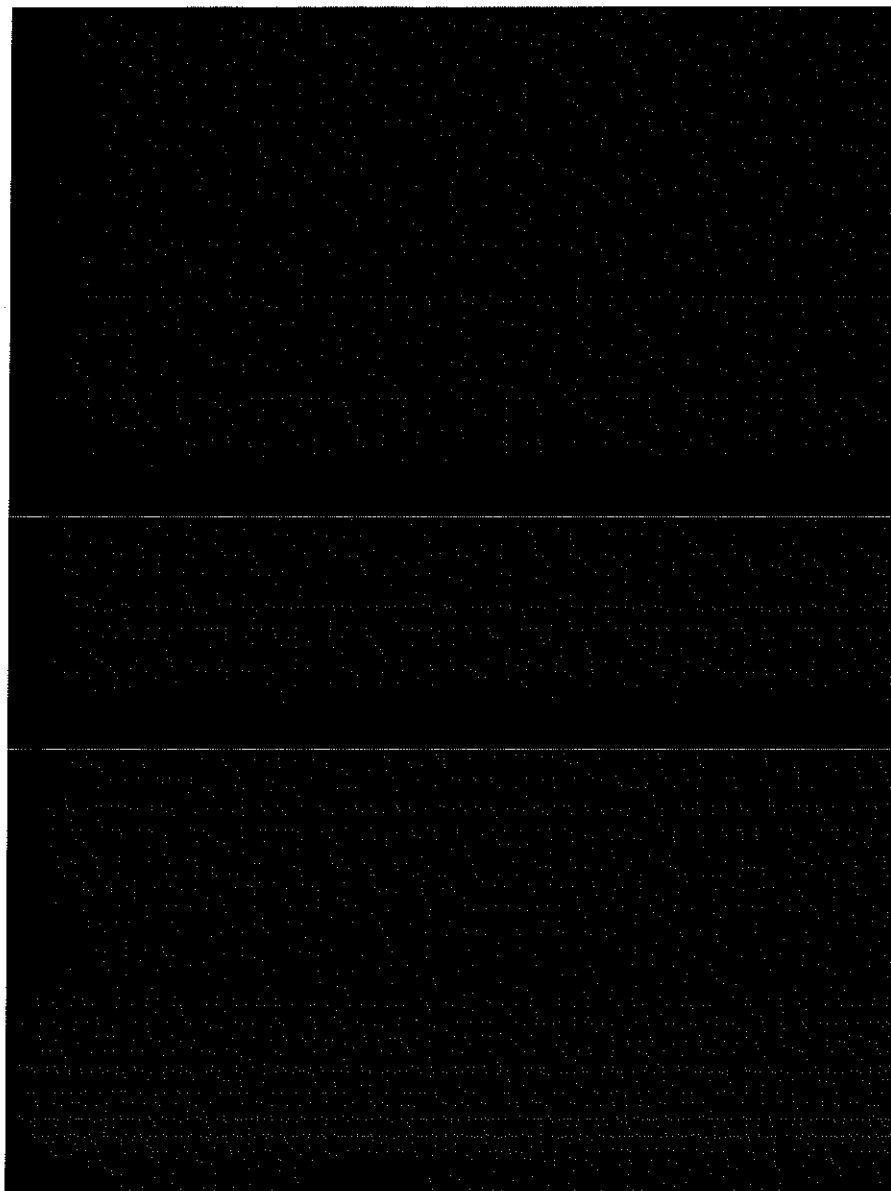
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**List of Defendants Referred to USAO for Prosecution:**



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Proposed Charges:

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

**Background**

1. This investigation has currently identified (b) (7)(A)  
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5. [REDACTED]
6. (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
[REDACTED]

7. (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E)

8. On January 5, 2010, ASAC Gillett, GS (b)(7)(C) and case agent SA (b)(7)(C) met with AUSA (b)(7)(C) who is the lead, federal prosecutor on this matter. Investigative and prosecution strategies were discussed (b)(5) & (7(A))  
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(b)(5) & (7(A)) This investigation was briefed to United States Attorney Dennis Burke, who  
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9. (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
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(b)(7)(A) & (E)

10. (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
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Investigative Techniques Used to Date

11. To date in this investigation we have utilized numerous proactive, advanced investigative techniques:
- (b)(7)(E)
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compliance with ATF 3310.4(b) 148(a)(2).

14. The ultimate goal is to [redacted] (b)(5) & (7(A)) [redacted]  
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Phoenix Field Division  
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Briefing Paper on: 785115-10-0004

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Investigative Techniques Used to Date

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

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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 (b)(7)(E) Special Agents, (b)(7)(E) (b)(7)(E) and one Group Supervisor.

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12. It is hereby respectfully requested (b)(7)(E) additional special agents be brought in for an initial 30 day detail the purpose of aiding/assisting in this investigation, (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Friday, December 03, 2010 4:02 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** December "Fast and Furious" Briefing Paper  
**Attachments:** December Fast and Furious BP for SAC.docx  
**Categories:** Yellow Category, Red Category, Green Category

Here you go. If there's something you see that needs changing or you want to add something feel free. I send one of these up monthly to keep HQ briefed but feel free to use for the same purpose if need be.

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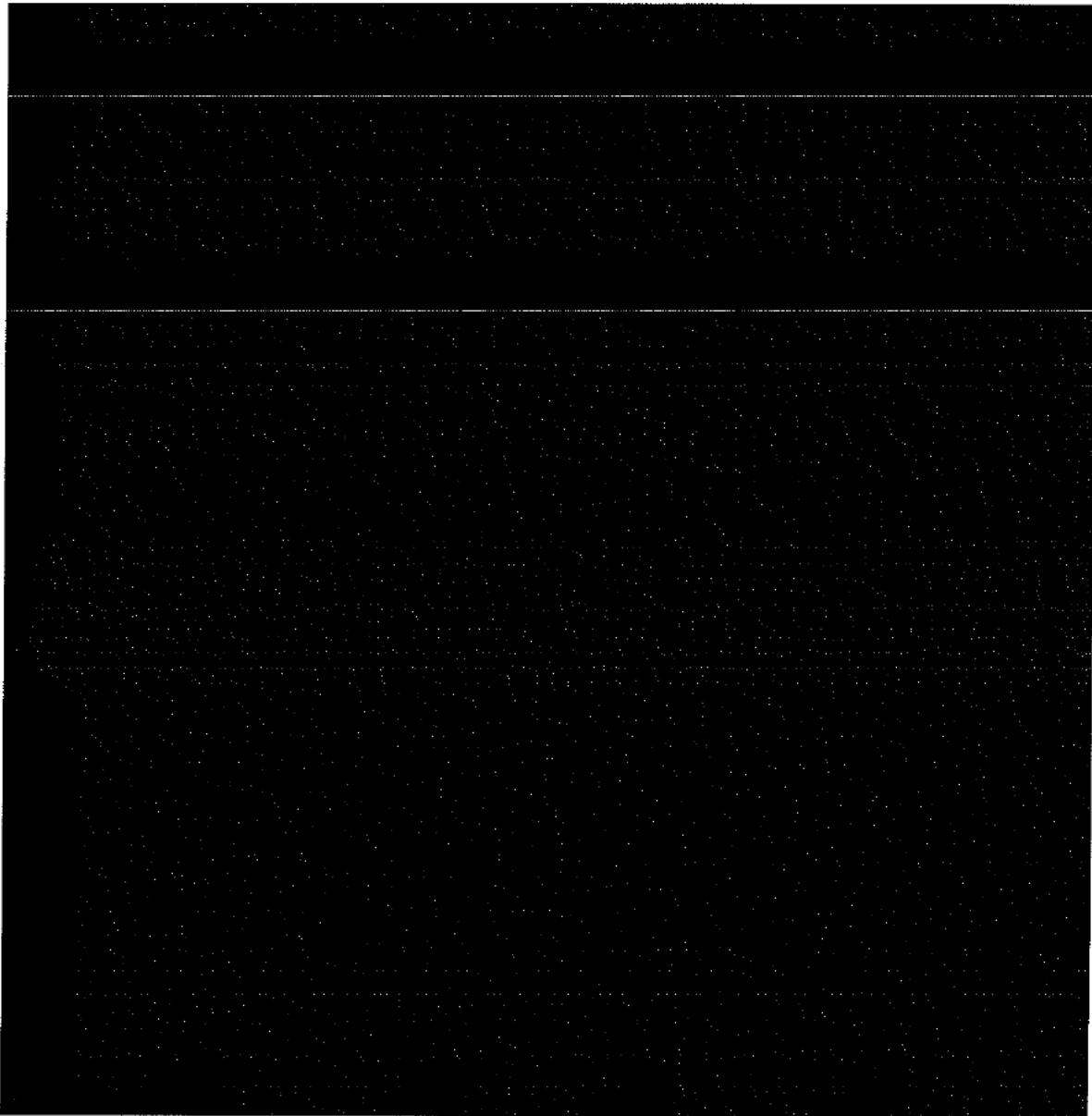
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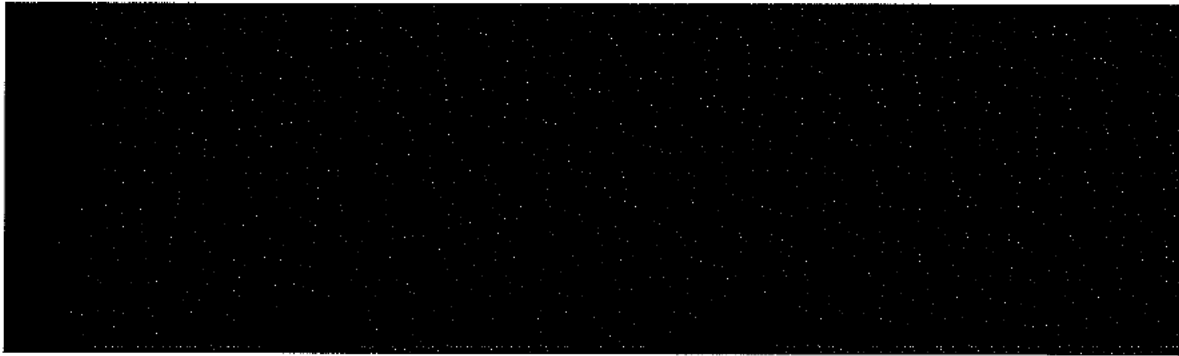
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*Joint Mexico-U.S. Workshop*  
Dismantling the Tools of Transnational Crime  
Arms and Explosives Trafficking

December 15, 2010  
US version

Tuesday, December 14

5:00pm USG meets at Embassy to discuss the presentation of the 2 US investigations and how to improve ETrace, collaboration, and working cases together. Tentative location is Kiki Camarena room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Embassy.

**Purpose:** A working level meeting will be held to discuss continued joint Mexico -US efforts. At this meeting, the USG will present 2 investigations to PGR to be worked bi-nationally. PGR will present 2 investigations to the USG to be worked bi-nationally. In addition, future training needs will be discussed and coordinated by the participants.

Weds, December 15

9:30 am Depart Embassy

09:45 am Walk to PGR

10:00 - 10:30 Introductions and exchange of business cards.

10:30 - 11:30 Discussion of general areas of cooperation

- ETrace
- Cell phones
- Explosives
- Shared protocols

11:30-12:30 PGR to present 2 investigations (15 minutes per case – and 15 discussion per case)  
Determine how points of contact will be decided for GOM and USG for each case;  
Establish next steps in investigations for each case

12:30- 1:30 USG to present 2 investigations (15 minutes per case – and 15 discussion per case)  
Determine how points of contact will be decided for GOM and USG for each case;  
Establish next steps in investigations for each case

Presenters of 2 USG Cases by AUSA's/Case Agents (Approximately 2 slides regarding each investigation);  
Handouts (in Spanish) with detailed information regarding investigation to be provide to MX identifying nature of bilateral assistance needed

1:30 – 2:00 Break

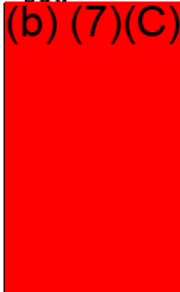
2:00-2:30 Training opportunities and needs to advance the investigations (30 minutes)

2:30-3:30 Establish next meeting time/place/participants and deliverables for each case  
Establish a reporting update to keep track of the progress of the cases

3:00 Depart PGR

**Participants:**

USG –



...il, Senior RLA  
...o-Taxman, RLA  
... AUSA Arizona  
... AUSA Arizona  
... AUSA Arizona  
... Criminal Division Gang Unit  
... FSN Legal Advisor  
... (ATF)  
... DOJ

ATF will drop off at airport  
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TBD (ICE);  
and the US case agents involved in the US proposed investigations.  
(Tentative list of participants)

MX - PGR ?

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On December 17, 2009, AUSA, ATF Group Supervisor (b) (7)(C) and ATF Special Agent (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C) met with (b)(7)(A) & (C)

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with Agent Terry shooting.]

[Guns in bold are associated

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On December 14, 2010, Agent Terry was shot and killed. (b)(7)(A) & (C)

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## PROPOSAL

### **Phoenix Field Division Deployment of Gunrunner Impact Teams January 8, 2010**

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) implemented a new initiative, the Gunrunner Impact Team (GRIT). The initial deployment of GRIT was to multiple locations within ATF's Houston Field Division. The purpose and scope of the initial deployment was to focus ATF's regulatory and criminal enforcement resources to comprehensively focus on firearms trafficking issues directly impacting the southwest border. The initial GRIT met significant success in the Houston Field Division but a post-GRIT assessment identified several "lessons learned" that would aid in the development of any future GRITs. The Phoenix GRIT proposal incorporates almost all of these Houston GRIT "lessons learned."

The Phoenix Field Division (PFD) shares a significant portion of the southern U.S. border with Mexico. Consequently, a significant focus of existing PFD resources is the proliferation of firearms trafficking which is directly related to the violence being perpetrated by Mexican drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) along the border. Although the PFD has identified criminal similarities shared by the Houston Field Division, the PFD's crime problems are not identical to the Houston Field Division. Therefore, the PFD has modified this GRIT proposal from the GRIT structure previously implemented in Houston. The PFD forwards this proposal for ATF's second GRIT to be deployed within the Phoenix Field Division in FY 2010.

This plan is not intended to serve as an enforcement operational plan for any specific aspect of this initiative nor is it intended to serve as guide to conducting specific investigations. This plan does however comply with the Bureau's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2010 in that it will focus ATF resources on the key Illegal Firearms Trafficking Strategic Priority. As outlined in Goal 1 of this priority, Interdict and Prevent Illegal Firearms Trafficking, this GRIT proposal outlines a plan to:

- Deploy integrated firearms enforcement teams,
- Expand risk-based approach to inspections,
- Increase ATF's Firearms Trafficking and Technical Training,
- Expand Awareness and Outreach
- Improve Inventory Control of Firearms Licensees

This plan also supports ATF's and the Department of Justice's Southwest Border Violent Reduction Strategy and specifically Project Gunrunner by focusing on the four main objectives of Project Gunrunner:

1. Investigate individuals responsible for illicit firearms trafficking along the Southwest border.

2. Coordinate with U.S. and Mexican law enforcement along the border in firearms cases and violent crime.
3. Train U.S. and Mexican law enforcement officials to identify firearms traffickers and provide outreach education to gun dealers.
4. Trace all firearms to identify firearms traffickers, trends, patterns, and networks.

### Phoenix GRIT Strategy

The Phoenix Field Division GRIT strategy will focus on the following two components:

- Industry Operations Initiative
- Firearms Trafficking Investigative Initiative

The above components, while unique and individual in their own right, will be strategically addressed in a staggered, but coordinated effort.

### Industry Operations Initiative

Beginning February 22, 2010, Industry Operations (IO) will commence the PFD GRIT by bringing in a detailed IOI/SOO, two (2) detailed Area Supervisors, three (3) IOAs and one (1) IOIS. During the initial two weeks of the GRIT, these "advance" IOI personnel will determine the FFLs to be inspected and conduct the initial planning for these inspections. The PFD, supported by ATF's Office of Strategic Intelligence and Information (OSII), (b) (7)(E)

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The prioritization process will also involve input from the local Area Supervisors and Phoenix FIG.

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Beginning Monday, March 8, 2010, (b) (7)(E) IOIs will arrive and begin conducting FFL inspections, working closely with Phoenix Field Intelligence Group (FIG) personnel in order to ensure that any referral information is being quickly and thoroughly analyzed. The detailed IOIs will conduct inspections of the identified FFLs for a period of ninety (90) days. (b) (7)(E) IOIs will be located in Phoenix, (b) (7)(E)



IOIs will be located in Tucson, and (b) (7)(E) will be located in Prescott, Arizona. These three locations were selected based upon anticipated workload.

Once the IOIs complete the assigned FFL inspections, the detailed Area Supervisors, IOAs and the IOI/SOO will remain an additional thirty (30) days to finish the review and closing actions for the completed inspections, conduct a comprehensive review of the inspection results as well as an evaluation of this phase of the PFD GRIT. This will require a 134 day detail for the Area Supervisors, IOAs and the IOI/SOO.

~~During their 90 day detail, IOIs will also staff a booth at the Arizona Game & Fish Department's outdoor Expo to educate both the public and licensees on Federal on firearms regulations.~~

The overall goals for this initiative will be to complete as many inspections as possible of the identified high risk FFLS, develop leads for the firearms trafficking initiative, Educate FFLS regarding straw purchasing indicators, how to identify potential traffickers and how to improve internal controls and provide FFLs with a point of contact in the event the FFL has questions or wants to report suspicious activity.

#### Firearms Trafficking Investigative Initiative

The PFD GRIT Firearms Trafficking Initiative will primarily focus efforts on the two largest metropolitan areas within Arizona, Phoenix and Tucson. These two metropolitan areas are the primary source of firearms purchased in Arizona and recovered in crimes in Mexico. Additional resources for this initiative will be deployed to New Mexico and other areas of Arizona as needed and based on information and intelligence gathered during the initial phases of the Phoenix GRIT as well as active firearms trafficking investigations.

All firearms trace data and intelligence obtained by the GRIT will be fully coordinated with OSII personnel assigned to the Project Gunrunner initiative, the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC), and the Violent Crime Analysis Branch (VCAB). In addition the use of DEA intelligence assets, particularly through the OCDETF Strike Force in Phoenix and Tucson satellite, will be extensively exploited to ensure our investigative efforts are in sync and complimentary to any on-going Mexican DTO related investigation. Furthermore, intelligence resources in Arizona such as the HIDTA Intelligence Screening Center in Tucson and the State Fusion Center (ACTIC) will be utilized to coordinate and deconflict any GRIT investigative activity within the State of Arizona.

**Phoenix metropolitan area** – Beginning April 5, 2010, one group supervisor (GS) and (b) (7)(E) special agents will be detailed in to the Phoenix enforcement groups for 120 days. In addition to the detailed special agents (b) (7)(E) Intelligence Research Specialists (IRS) and (b) (7)(E) Investigative Assistants will be detailed to the Phoenix enforcement groups for 120 days. The assignment of personnel will be as follows: (b) (7)(E) special agents to Phoenix I, (b) (7)(E) special agents to Phoenix IV, and (b) (7)(E) special

agents as well as (b) (7)(E) IA will report directly to the detailed GS. The remaining IA and (b) (7)(E) IRSs will be assigned to Phoenix IV (Intelligence).

**Phoenix Group I's** FY2010 primary firearms trafficking strategic focus is on disrupting the illegal source(s) of firearms destined to violent gangs and drug trafficking organizations operating in and through the Phoenix metropolitan area. Many of these violent gangs and drug trafficking organizations have a direct nexus to Mexico therefore this group will handle those investigations dealing with trafficking directly impacting the Phoenix metropolitan area. It should be noted that Phoenix Group I was the designated "Gunrunner" group before the creation of Group VII, which was funded specifically as a "Gunrunner" office.

**Phoenix Group VII** was created under "Gunrunner" to specifically address firearms trafficking from the Phoenix metropolitan that directly impacts Mexico. Additionally, Phoenix VII is located at the Phoenix OCEETF Strike Force thus fully incorporating the efforts of this ATF group into the larger mission of the Strike Force, which is to focus investigations on the command and control elements of the Sinaloa Cartel and Arizona-based distribution cells associated with the Cartel. The Phoenix OCEETF Strike Force is a multi-agency unit, with participation from both Federal, and state and local agencies including: DEA, ATF, IRS, ICE, USMS, Phoenix PD, and the Maricopa County SO.

**Tucson metropolitan area** – Also beginning on April 5, 2010, one GS and (b) (7)(E) special agents will be detailed to the Tucson Field Offices for 120 days. In addition to these assets, (b) (7)(E) special agents will be detailed to Sierra Vista, Arizona and (b) (7)(E) special agents will be detailed to Nogales, Arizona. (b) (7)(E) detailed special agents will report directly to the detailed GS. In addition to the detailed special agents, (b) (7)(E) Intelligence Research Specialist (IRS) and (b) (7)(E) Investigative Assistants will be detailed to the PFD for 120 days.

**Tucson Group I's** FY2010 primary firearms trafficking strategic focus is on the trafficking of firearms from the Tucson metropolitan area to Mexico. This involves proactive investigations and operational activity of the sources of crime guns recovered in Mexico and the Tucson AOR, specifically but not limited to Gun Shows, FFLs, and Straw Purchasers of large quantities of "weapons of choice". Furthermore, an on-going issue with addressing firearms trafficking in south and southeastern Arizona is the lack of an ATF office in either Sierra Vista or Nogales. The Tucson Group I agents are regularly called out to these areas to investigate firearms trafficking matters or respond to seizures, on both sides of the border. In order to address this, the PFD GRIT will co-locate (b) (7)(E) special agents along the Arizona-Mexico border in Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) office space. (b) (7)(E) special agents will be positioned in Nogales, Arizona, and (b) (7)(E) special agents will be positioned in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Each (b) (7)(E) man team will consist of (b) (7)(E) PFD special agent and (b) (7)(E) detailed special agent. These (b) (7)(E) special agents' primary responsibility will be to capitalize on an existing, strong relationship that the PFD enjoys with the DEA offices in Arizona, the Mexico PGR and Mexico's intelligence service - CISEN, coordinate with ATF's Office of

International Affairs (IAO), and respond to firearms seizures in Mexican border states near to the international border ports of entry. On the scene of these firearms seizures, these (b) (7)(E) special agents will be responsible for accurately capturing seized firearms data and submitting this data for comprehensive firearms tracing. As a collateral duty, these agents will act as border liaison agents and be responsible for bolstering the existing relationship with U.S. and Mexican agencies along the border. Moreover, these agents will receive investigative leads and subsequently conduct interviews of persons, identified by the PFD FIG, whom are involved in suspect firearms purchases and have a high number of border crossings. This will require that the detailed special agents being fluent Spanish speakers.

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**Tucson Group II's** FY2010 primary strategic focus is on disrupting the illegal source(s) of firearms destined to violent gangs and drug trafficking organizations operating in and through the Tucson metropolitan area with a focus on the designated VCIT area, which currently encompasses the highest crime rate area in the City of Tucson. Many of these violent gangs and drug trafficking organizations have a direct nexus to Mexico therefore this group will handle those investigations dealing with firearms trafficking directly impacting the Tucson metropolitan area.

The third prong of the firearms trafficking initiative will involve focusing on

(b) (7)(E)

The IOI inspections conducted in the first phase of the PFD GRIT will identify additional firearms trafficking leads which will be exploited by PFD FIG personnel and subsequently assigned to special agents for investigative follow-up. The Phoenix FIG will develop additional leads from data gleaned from eTrace of firearms recovered in

(b) (7)(E)

Finally, GRIT personnel will also be assigned to assist with a backlog of National Instant Check System (NICS) standard denials. There are approximately seventy (70) NICS referrals within N-Force that have not been assigned for investigative follow-up due to the many initiatives currently ongoing in the PFD including Gunrunner, Home Invasion, OCDETF Strike Force, and several large-scale firearms trafficking and explosives investigations. Intelligence Research Specialists will also re-initiate the

(b) (7)(E)

#### Personnel Implementation Schedule

To most effectively implement ATF personnel resources, and after a careful review of lessons learned during the Houston GRIT, the following schedule has been developed:

On February 22, 2010, Advance IOI personnel (1 IOI/SOO, 2 Area Supervisors, 3 IOAs and 1 IOIS) will arrive and begin drafting work assignments for the Industry Operations component.

On March 8, 2010, the remaining IOIs will arrive and commence in earnest the Industry Operations GRIT Initiative.

On April 5, 2010, the Criminal Enforcement component, including the detailed IRS and IA personnel, will arrive and begin the Firearms Trafficking Initiative in earnest.

These dates were selected to allow IO personnel to begin conducting and complete FFL inspections and generate investigative leads for enforcement personnel. Phoenix IV personnel, supported by OSII personnel, will begin the initial processing of investigative leads which will allow the Firearms Trafficking CE component to begin investigations on these leads upon their arrival.

The PFD management team has developed a complete lead tracking, assignment and distribution process, based upon the recommendations from the Houston after action report, and will be implemented in support of the PFD GRIT. Investigative leads will be effectively tracked within the N-FOCIS system and an IA will be designated as the GRIT lead coordinator to insure that all investigative leads are pursued and completed in a timely manner.

### United States Attorney Collaboration

Phoenix Field Division Special Agent in Charge William Newell has discussed the GRIT proposal with the United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, Dennis Burke. US Attorney Burke has pledged his full support to ATF and SAC Newell on this initiative. Moreover, from a PFD perspective, the GRIT initiative will further enhance the recently strengthened relationship between ATF and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Arizona. It should also be noted that SAC Newell has discussed this GRIT deployment with Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard and he pledges his and his office's full support.

### Personnel Needs in Support of the PFD GRIT\*

#### Industry Operations Initiative

- (b) (7)(E) Area Supervisors (Initially deployed to Phoenix)
- (b) (7)(E) IOI/SOO (Phoenix Division Office for duration of Phoenix GRIT)
- (b) (7)(E) IOIs (Locations to be determined)
- (b) (7)(E) IOAs (Phoenix VI, Tucson III and Prescott)
- (b) (7)(E) Intelligence Research Specialists (Phoenix FIG for duration of Phoenix GRIT)
- (b) (7)(E) I/A (Phoenix FIG for duration of Phoenix GRIT)
- (b) (7)(E) IOI/S (Phoenix FIG for duration of Phoenix GRIT)

## Firearms Trafficking Investigative Initiative

### Phoenix metro area

- (b) (7)(E) Group Supervisor
- (b) (7)(E) Special Agents
- (b) (7)(E) Investigative Analysts (One per Group)
- (b) (7)(E) Intelligence Research Specialist (One per Group)

### Tucson metro area

- (b) (7)(E) Group Supervisor
- (b) (7)(E) Special Agents (Tucson)
- (b) (7)(E) Special Agents (Nogales and Sierra Vista, Arizona)
- (b) (7)(E) Intelligence Research Specialist (Tucson)
- (b) (7)(E) Investigative Analysts (Tucson II and GRIT Group)

Total Personnel to be deployed = (b) (7)(E)

**\*As outlined in the Houston GRIT assessment it is STRONGLY recommended that personnel considered for this deployment, especially special agents, have some fluency in Spanish. Their effectiveness will be extremely limited if they cannot converse at even a basic level in Spanish. It is also strongly recommended that the Intelligence Research Specialists and Investigative Analysts considered for this deployment be trained and well-versed in link analysis systems, N-Force/N-Quire, and have experience working with agencies such as DEA, CPB and ICE as well as with EPIC.**

### Training of Personnel

The Phoenix Field Division will provide a day of orientation training for all GRIT detailees. This training will be general and series specific in order to ensure maximum effectiveness for the target audience. This training is currently being conducted in the Phoenix Field Division for the new personnel assigned to the field division under "Gunrunner" funding so a well-established training program exists. Furthermore this training has received very high marks from the new employees who strongly believe it has provided them a much needed in-depth background on the issue of firearms trafficking along the SWB, Project "Gunrunner", Mexican DTO related violence, recent trends in firearms and explosives trafficking, and ATF's abilities and available resources to combat this trafficking and violence, etc. This training also includes briefings by Phoenix personnel currently involved in large-scale firearms trafficking investigations, explosives investigations related to Mexico, etc. It also includes a briefing by Phoenix EEO personnel who have been detailed repeatedly to Mexico to deal with the growing issue of military ordnance and commercial explosives thefts. Finally, this training includes briefings by the ATF Division Counsel, the USAO and Arizona Attorney General's office on the legal issues involved in investigating and prosecuting firearms trafficking and firearms related violence in Arizona, both at the Federal and State level.

### Long Term Goals

This plan has been crafted in a manner where the GRIT can be implemented within the PFD, but upon completion of the GRIT, a strong and lasting foundation of criminal enforcement and industry operations relationships will remain for the PFD to continue these regulatory and enforcement efforts. The Phoenix Field Division currently enjoys an outstanding relationship with its Federal, State, Tribal and Local law enforcement peers and it is expected that this GRIT deployment will only further enhance this relationship. The deployment of ATF special agents to Sierra Vista and Nogales, Arizona has long been sought by these law enforcement peers and will present an outstanding opportunity to showcase ATF's unique expertise and experience in combating firearms trafficking and firearms related violent crime.

### Estimated Funding Request Allocation \$1,784,051.00

CATEGORY		BUDGET	
1152	Overtime	\$0.00	0.00%
2111	Travel**	\$1,617,521.00	85.13%
2210	FedEx/Commercial Mail	\$1,750.00	0.15%
2500	Other Services	\$22,400.00	2.00%
2547	Agent Cashier	\$7,500.00	0.67%
2600	Supplies & Materials	\$11,200.00	1.00%
2612	Vehicle Supplies	\$39,200.00	3.50%
2613	Fuel		0.00%
2625	Investigative Supply	\$4,480.00	0.40%
3100	Furniture**		0.00%
3160	Investigative Equipment	\$80,000.00	7.14%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,784,051.00</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\*See attached Excel spreadsheets for a detailed breakdown of expenditures.

\*\*Travel amount will increase depending on if we have to add rental cars, airline, meeting room rental and parking. Due to lack of available office space in Phoenix and Tucson we will have to rent a room in each hotel to convert to a temporary office location which can range from \$400+ per day. At \$400 a day that would be \$48,000 for Phoenix and \$48,000 for Tucson. If we do get our pending space projects in Phoenix and Tucson completed in time for the GRIT then we need funding in 3100 for tables, chairs and filing cabinets.

### Performance Measures

The nature of criminal investigative work makes the establishment of meaningful and measurable performance measures difficult. For example, establishing as a performance measure the number of straw purchasers or suspected firearms traffickers prosecuted is problematic in light of the fact that ATF cannot directly control this outcome. Disrupting or dismantling Mexican drug trafficking organizations is likewise outside ATF's ability to control since the DTO's largely operate outside the direct reach of U.S. law enforcement authorities. Establishing as a measure of success a reduction in the number of firearms recovered in Mexico that are U.S. sourced is something that is not likely to be realized during the GRIT deployment period and will only be achieved if sufficient resources continue to be dedicated to support the greater SWB violence reduction strategy. A reduction in the number of firearms traced from Mexico is also not a meaningful measurement of short term success since the total number of firearms currently in the custody of the Government of Mexico is unknown and progress with the GOM with regard to tracing all recovered firearms will only result in an increase of this potential measurement even if incidents of trafficked firearms is actually declining.

However, it is essential that ATF establish some meaningful performance measures that are linked to the GRIT strategy. Therefore, the Phoenix GRIT, using input from the Houston GRIT post-assessment, established and will track the following performance measures that are intended to gauge the impact this initiative has on disrupting firearms trafficking operations that support Mexican DTOs:

- The number of firearms trafficking investigations opened/closed during the surge period.
- The number of firearms trafficking defendants referred for prosecution.
- An increase in the number of referrals to the GOM and/or other U.S. law enforcement agencies.
- An increase in the number of firearms and other evidence recovered or seized by ATF or by other agencies acting on ATF information.
- A reduction in the number of firearms traces originating from Mexico with a relatively short "time to crime".
- The number of firearms (an estimate) prevented from being trafficked to Mexico. This estimate can be calculated as a result of a number of factors such as the number of firearms recovered in Mexico or interdicted at the border associated with known or suspected straw purchasers or traffickers; information obtained during interviews and investigations; the period of time that the trafficker or straw purchaser was known (or suspected) to have operated and/or expected to have continued operating had ATF not intervened; number of established border crossings for a particular person of interest; physical evidence recovered (i.e. firearms, empty gun boxes, currency, purchase receipts, lists depicting guns to be purchased, etc.); other purchases associated with the person(s) of interest discovered as a result of inspections of FFL records, etc.
- The number of additional FFL inspections conducted and violations cited.

- The number of criminal enforcement referrals made as a result of increased FFL inspections.
- The number of licensees that received the ATF/NSSF "Don't Lie" program materials.
- Estimated number of persons reached as a result of ATF community outreach programs.

This reporting chart, created and utilized by the Houston GRIT, will be adopted for use by the Phoenix GRIT.

	PHOENIX	HOUSTON
Number of Investigative Leads at the Start of GRIT		
Number of New Investigative Leads		
<b>Total Leads</b>		
Number of Leads Investigated		
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened		
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution		
Number of Referrals to the Gov. of Mexico and/or other U.S. LE Agencies		
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information		
Number of FFL Inspections Initiated		
Number of FFL Inspections Completed		
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		
Remaining Inspections to be Completed		
Number of Criminal Enforcement Referrals Made by IOIs to ATF LE		



**Office of Field Operations  
Phoenix Field Division  
October 3, 2007**

**SUBJECT:** International firearms trafficking investigation in support of ATF's Southwest Border "Gunrunner" Initiative, UI# 785045-07, (b) (7)(A) [REDACTED]

**PURPOSE:**

- To brief the Deputy Assistant Director (West) of the initiation of and recent developments in an international firearms trafficking investigation in the Phoenix Field Division.
- To request EPS and Mexico City Country Office (MCO) assistance in this investigation via close coordination with Mexican law enforcement counterparts.
- To inform as to proposed actions in the near future in this investigation.

**BACKGROUND:**

- During the week of July 2, 2007, ATF Special Agents and task force officers of the Phoenix II (Firearms Trafficking) Field Office initiated an investigation into suspected

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(b) (7)(A) [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A) [REDACTED]

- On (b) (7)(A) 2007, ATF Phoenix Group II Special Agents determined that

(b) (7)(A) [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A) [REDACTED]  
Further inquiry revealed that [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A) [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A) [REDACTED]  
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- The ATF MCO subsequently met with several (participating) heads of the Mexican agencies regarding the outcome of this joint international operation. The ATF MCO was dealing with a person from Mexican Customs (b) (7)(C) who was trying very hard to assist the ATF MCO due to his good standing, position and relationship with this office; however, the person that he was in contact with at the other end was not as sincere. The MCO ensured that all the various agencies were made aware of this incident to include the U.S. Ambassador, Deputy Chief of Mission, and U.S. Mission law enforcement counterparts. The MCO also met with (b) (7)(C) of the PFP, who has provided the ATF MCO with the names of our double-vetted Mexican counterparts along the U.S./Mexico Border for future joint operations.

- On September 30, 2007, Phoenix Group II Special Agents received information that the  
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This information has been passed to the MCO and the Phoenix SAC, who has approved that this issue be handled as previously done.

- (b) (7)(A) [redacted]  
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 (b) (7)(A) [redacted]

**ISSUES/PROBLEMS:**

- (b)(5) & (7(A)) [redacted]
- (b)(5) & (7(A)) [redacted]  
 (b)(5) & (7(A)) [redacted]  
 (b)(5) & (7(A)) [redacted]

**ACTION or FOLLOW-UP:**

- The Phoenix Field Division is working closely with the ATF Mexico Country Office (MCO) to (b) (7)(A) [redacted]  
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- (b) (7)(A) [redacted]  
 (b) (7)(A) [redacted]  
 (b) (7)(A) [redacted]

**EXPECTED OUTCOMES:**

- If [redacted] and [redacted] (b)(5) & (7(A)) [redacted]  
 (b)(5) & (7(A)) [redacted]  
 (b)(5) & (7(A)) [redacted]
- If successful this case should be used as an example by ATF as our commitment to DOJ and ATF's Southwest Border "Gunrunner" Initiative, OCDETF Southwest Region's "Gatekeeper" Initiative, and our ability to be the lead Federal law enforcement agency in international firearms trafficking investigations

**BUDGET IMPACT:**

- Operationally - Minimal at the local level.
- Politically - Potential for use in supplemental budget requests as part of "Plan Mexico" formulation, a multi-billion U.S. anti-narcotics aid package to Mexico. Potential use as well in additional OCDETF funding due to this case being directly related to the Southwest Region's "Gatekeeper" Initiative.

**DOJ POSITION/INTEREST:**

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- If successful this case should be of intense interest at DOJ for use in high-level bi-lateral (SLEP) meetings regarding the issue of the U.S.'s response to the Government of Mexico's serious concerns at the highest levels as to our commitment/ability to disrupt the illegal flow of firearms to Mexico and specifically violent Mexican drug trafficking organizations.
- Has the potential to further our role in the OCDETF Southwest Region's "Gatekeeper" initiative. "Gatekeeper" is a multi-agency, multi-district attack on the "Gatekeepers" – the individuals and organizations that control the flow of drugs through the Southwest Border corridors linking Mexico and the United States. The Gatekeepers generally operate at the behest of a Mexican drug cartel and are located at and manage geographically specific entry points along the United States-Mexico border.

**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Yes, especially along U.S./Mexico border region.

LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE

**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)	(b) (7)(A)	(b) (7)(A)
Number of New Investigative Leads	(b) (7)(A)	(b) (7)(A)
<b>Total Leads</b>		(b) (7)(A)
Number of Leads Investigated	(b) (7)(A)	(b) (7)(A)
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened	0	(b) (7)(A)
Number of Existing Investigations Supported by GRIT	(b) (7)(A)	(b) (7)(A)
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution	(b) (7)(A)	(b) (7)(A)
Number of Referrals to U.S. LE Agencies	-	-
Number of Liaison Activities with the Gov. of Mexico	-	(b) (7)(A)
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information	(b) (7)(A)	(b) (7)(A)
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		other
Number of FFL Inspections Initiated	(b) (7)(A)	(b) (7)(A)
Number of FFL Inspections Completed	(b) (7)(A)	(b) (7)(A)
FFL Adverse Actions Recommended:		
Number of Warning Letters/Warning Conferences	(b) (7)(A)	(b) (7)(A)
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	(b) (7)(A)	(b) (7)(A)

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Phoenix Group VII

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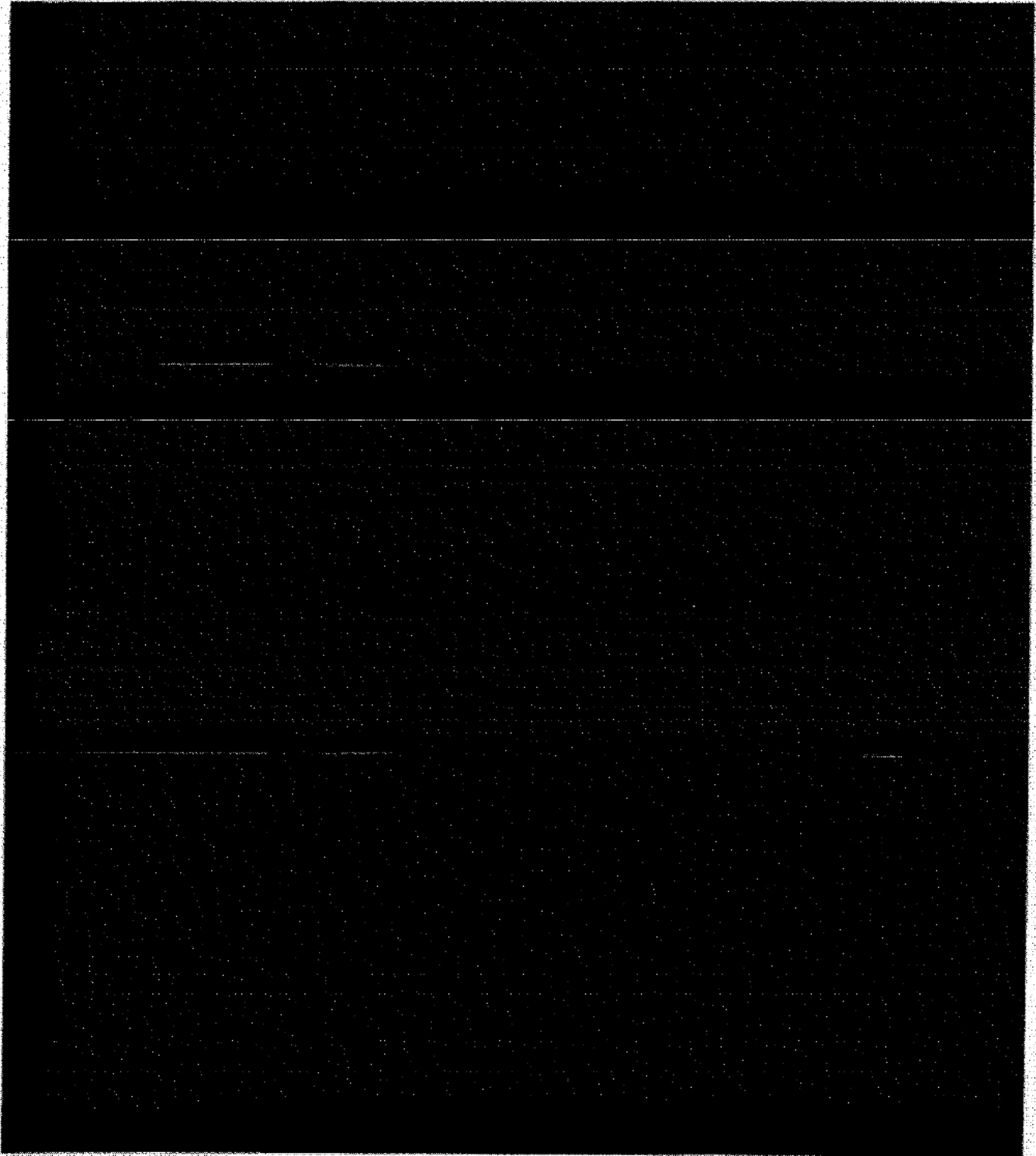
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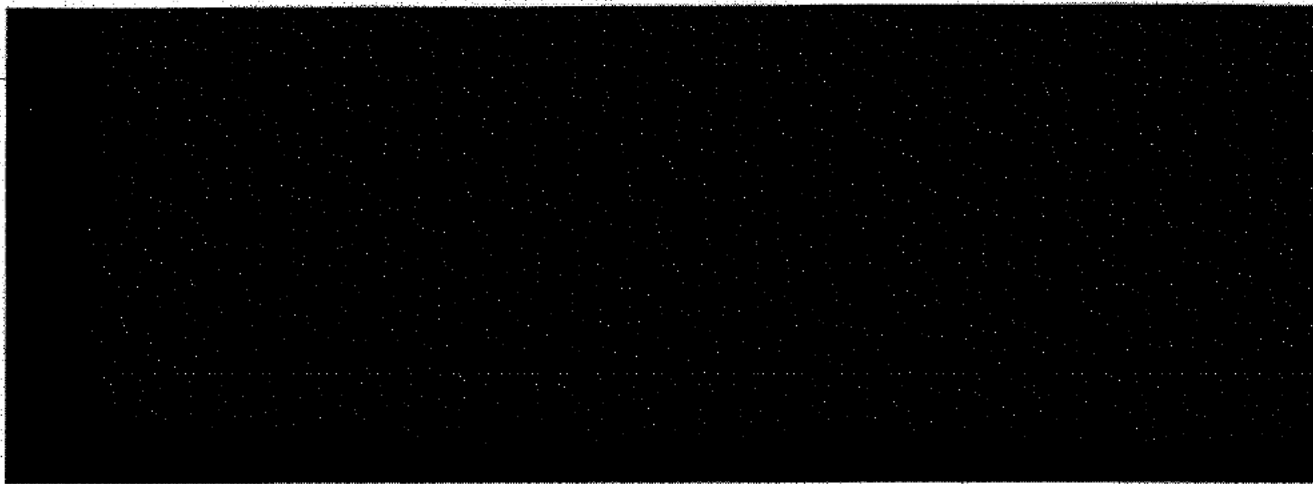
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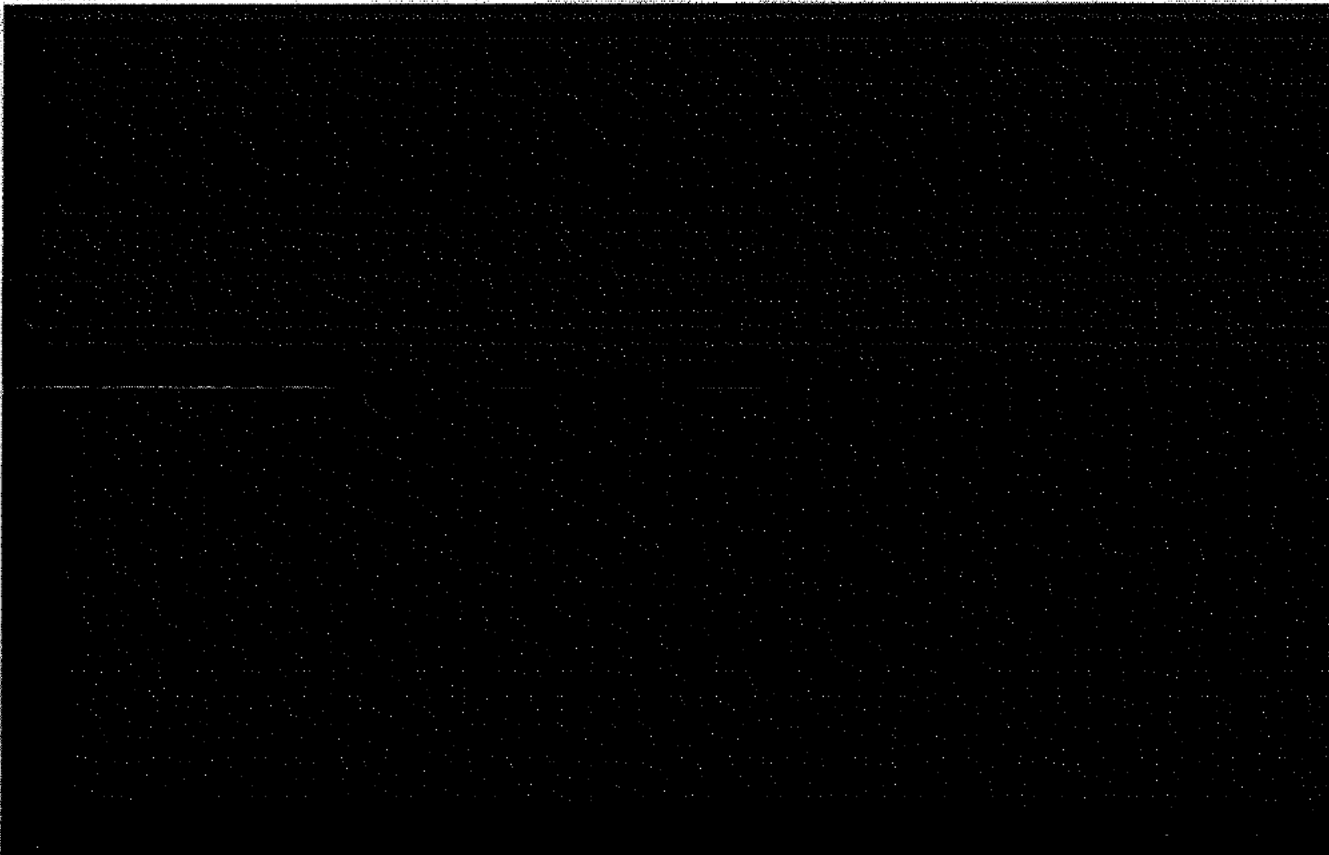
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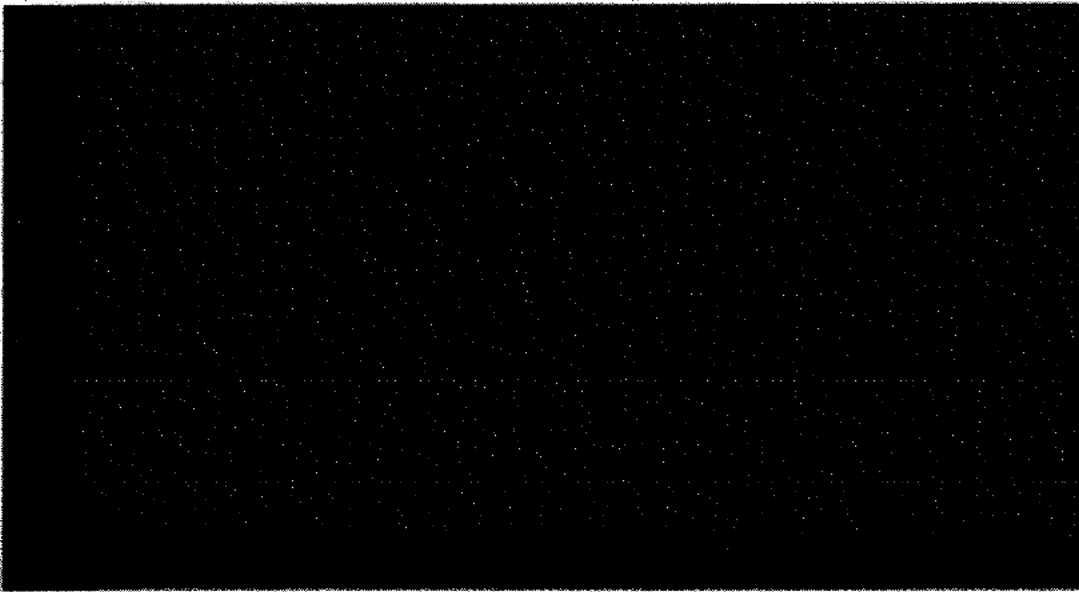
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**DHS Domestic and International Flight Threat Level: High - Orange**

**DOJ Continuity of Government Condition (COGCON) Level: 4**





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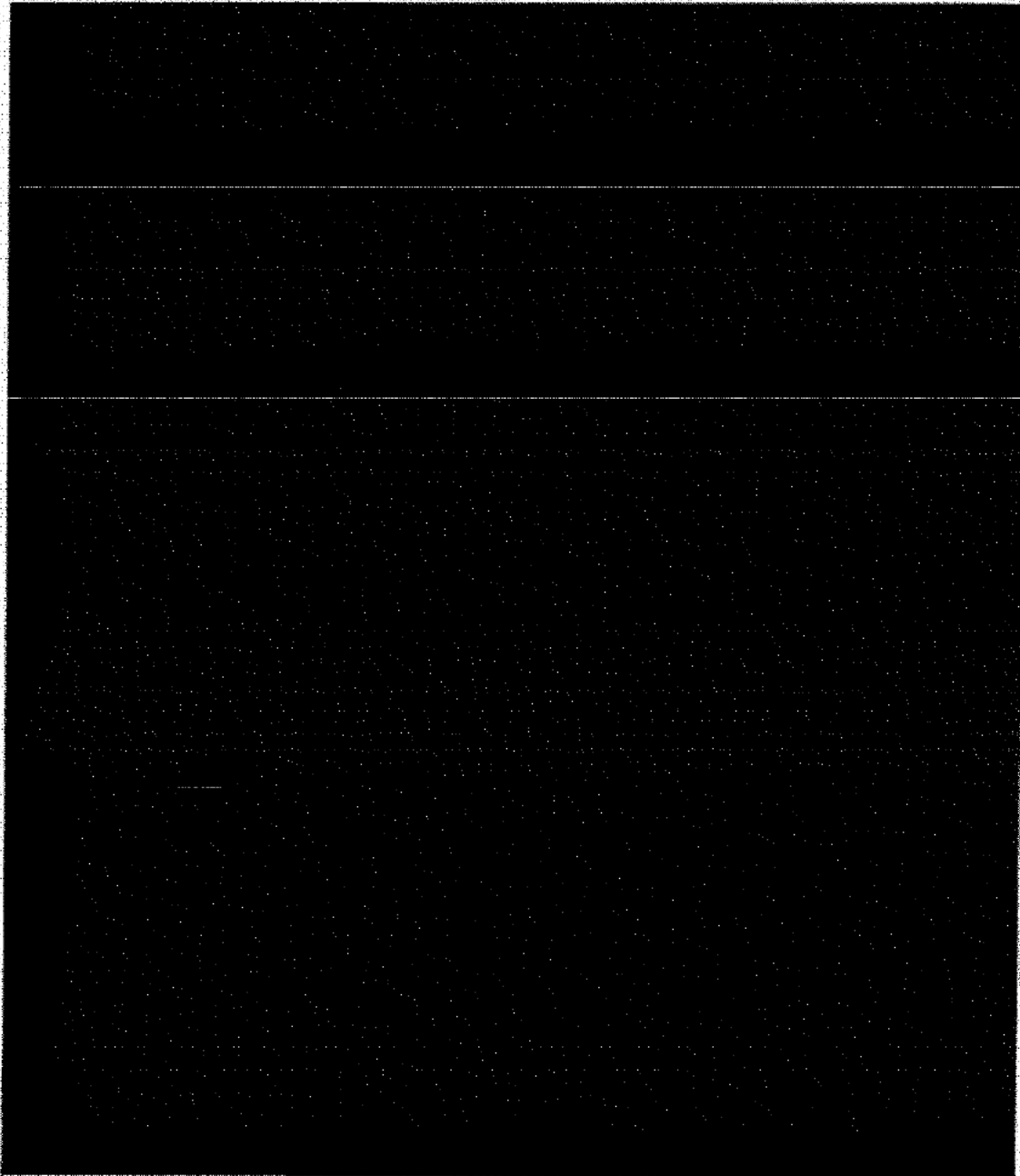
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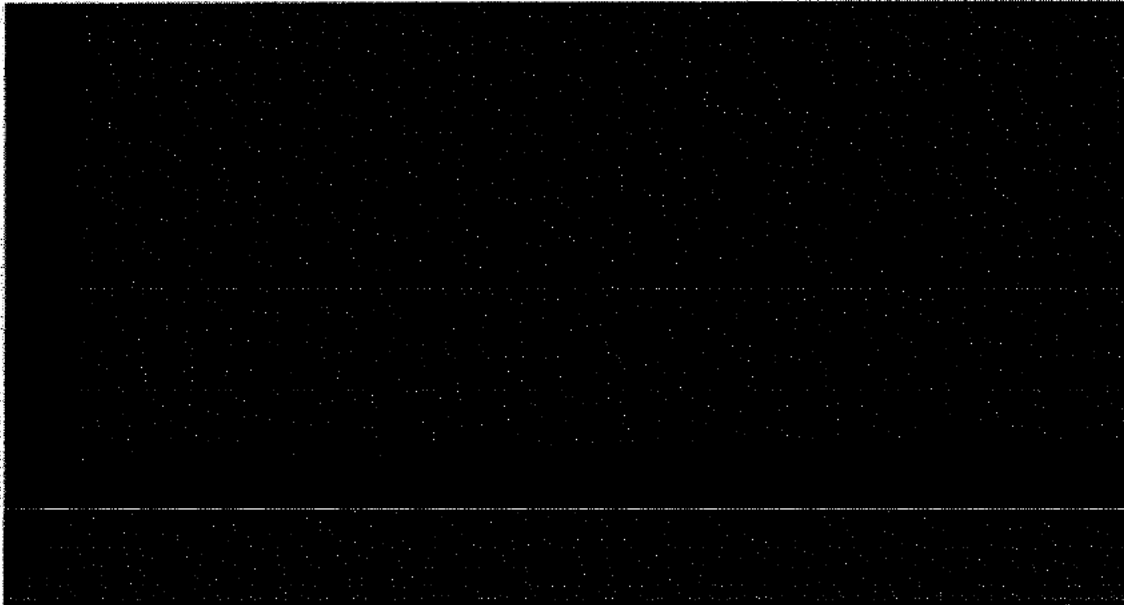
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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 05, 2010 5:51:10 AM  
**To:** JSOCovernightreport  
**Subject:** JSOC Situation Report 8-5-2010

**JSOC Situation Report**  
**August 5, 2010**





CASE TITLE: (b) (7)(C)

CASE NUMBER: 785115-10-0004: 785115-10-

0004: (b) (7)(A)

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**From:** Newell, William D.

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 02, 2009 6:01 PM

**To:** McMahon, William G.

**Subject:** Phoenix VII Firearms Trafficking Case, ref: Naco, Sonora Seizure Case of 42 AKs

**Attachments:** Phoenix Naco Seizure Case.docx; American Auto Body.pdf

Bill, FYI. This is a good overview of the efforts of SA (b) (7)(C) and crew to date on her case which directly relates to the recent seizure in Naco, Sonora, Mexico of 42 AK-47 type firearms. This case is evolving daily and they are doing a great job keeping on top of this considering it's only 3 of them and this is not the only case they are working on. (b) (7)(C) the new Group VII supervisor, arrives on Monday and that will allow (b) (7)(C) to not have to be the acting sup anymore. I'll keep you posted as this case develops but for now we've got it handled.

**Phoenix Field Division**  
**Phoenix Group VII (Gunrunner/Strike Force)**  
**(b) (7)(C) Firearms Trafficking Case**  
**IN# 785115-10-0004**  
**12/01/2009**

1. On or about October 31, 2009, ATF Group VII Special Agents initiated an investigation into (b) (7)(A)
  - (b) (7)(C) date of birth (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) Social Security Number (SSN) (b) (7)(C)
  - (b) (7)(C)
  - (b) (7)(C)
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  - (b) (7)(C)
2. On or about October 31, 2009, ATF Group VII Special Agents reviewed (b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A) & (C) (b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A) & (C) and (b) (7)(C)
3. On November 5, 2009, ATF Special Agents conducted a query of Arizona Motor Vehicle Department (AZMVD) records. According to these records, both (b) (7)(A) and (b) (7)(A)
4. On November 5, 2009, ATF Special Agents (b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A) is (b) (7)(A)
5. On November 10, 2009, ATF Special Agents observed (b)(7)(A) & (C) (b)(7)(A) & (C)
6. On November 16, 2009, ATF Special Agents received information from ATF S/A (b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(A) & (C)



(b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C)

7. (b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C)  
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(b) (7)(A)

8. ATF Special Agents have (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C) and . In addition, not  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)

9. During the past week ATF Special Agents have documented (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b) (7)(A)

10. In addition, ATF Special Agents (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(SAC NOTE: (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
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(b)(7)(A) & (E)

11. Last week ATF Special Agents (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E) (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A) and

12. ATF received (b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A)  
(b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A)

13. (b) (7)(A)

14. (b) (7)(A)

**INVESTIGATIVE STEPS TAKEN/INVESTIGATIVE PLAN**

**Investigative Steps Taken to Date (12/01/09)**

- [REDACTED]
- (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)  
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- (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)
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- [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- (b)(7)(A) & (E) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- Obtained ICE point of contact (b) (7)(C)

**Investigative Plan**

- (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)
- (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- (b)(7)(A) & (E)
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- (b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2010 9:17 AM  
To: (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: UC Case.

(b) (7)(C) S1  
(b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C)

CI and Straw Purchaser: S2  
(b) (7)(C)

Other Straw Purchaser: S3  
(b) (7)(C)

Weapons: AK Variants, DRAKO (AK) Pistols, FN 5.7's, Colt AR (with BETA mags), Beretta 92's.

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From: (b) (7)(C)  
 Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 11:38 AM  
 To: (b) (7)(C)  
 Subject: Case Summary.

File Number	Suspects	Firearms Types	Total Number of Firearms Trafficked	Number of Firearms Recovered	
(b) (7)(A)	S1 [Redacted]	AK "DRACO" Pistols FN 5.7 USP Beretta 92SF	6	8	04/24 - CD de To date (05/7 S/A (b) (7)(C) S1
	S2 [Redacted]	Colt AK variants 1919			
0011	[Redacted]	Barrett 50 cal.	1	1 - Mexico	Attempting t
0003	[Redacted]	Mossberg 12ga Ruger Pistol	2	2 - Florida	Case to be cl

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:51 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Vers - 3.0  
**Attachments:** PROPOSED UNDERCOVER.docx

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(b) (7)(C)

PROPOSED UNDERCOVER  
FIREARMS TRAFFICKING OPERATION

Regarding and in relation to: 785115-(b) (7)(A)

SYNOPSIS OF INVESTIGATION:

ATF Phoenix Group VII – Phoenix Strike Force has begun an investigation into the  
(b) (7)(A) S1 (b) (7)(A)  
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(b)(7)(A) & (C) S1

(b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C)

S1:

(b)(7)(A) & (C)

INVESTIGATION OBJECTIVES:

- (b) (7)(A)  
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- (b) (7)(A)
- (b) (7)(A)

- To continue ATF's legacy of being the Nation's answer (the "go-to" guys) for combating the most violent, well-armed criminal organizations that have, do, and may someday threaten the security of the United States.
- To continue ATF's strong history of forward thinking to develop new strategies, new dogma, and apply them to the numerous "outside the box" solutions that have made us so successful in our OMO, Criminal Militia, Extremist/Hate/Radical Groups, and Counter-Terrorism Investigations.
- To fulfill ATF's Mission Statement and further our efforts to "protect(s) our communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, the illegal use and trafficking of firearms".
- To adhere to and meet the goals and expectations of the Phoenix Group VII – Strike Force; specifically charged with being the President's, DOJ's and ATF's first and foremost answer to "Southwest Border "Gunrunner" investigations, which are those that involve trafficking of firearms to Mexico in an effort to stem the growing violence and associated criminal activity perpetrated by the Mexican drug cartels, along the Southwest Border. Group VII will be co-located at the OCDETF Strike Force which will combine investigative intelligence and the sharing of information in order to develop priority targets and utilize proactive long-term, extensive investigative techniques to identify all the tentacles of a particular organization."

**SPECIFIC REQUEST:**

To allow this investigation to proceed by authorizing Phoenix Group VII – Strike Force

(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

(b)(7)(A) & (E) S1 (b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E) S1 (b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b)(7)(A) & (E) This request is not in violation of any ATF Policy/Directive and adherence to any and all relevant ATF Policy/Directive [specifically ATF 3310.4(b) 148(a)(2)] will be maintained at all times. (b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b)(7)(A) & (E) Furthermore, in falls squarely in the realm of acceptance afforded those investigations involving the infiltration of an OMO, Criminal Militia or Extremist/Hate/Radical Groups by an ATF undercover Agent. Lastly, the spirit of this request is to further represent ATF's position at the pinnacle of Federal Law Enforcement by again accepting the difficult missions and not shying away from the manner and means necessary to meet them.

**REASON FOR REQUEST:**

- (b)(7)(A) & (E) S1 (b)(7)(A) & (E)

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- (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

- If authorized (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
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(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
S1 (b)(7)(A) & (E)

**IN CLOSING:**

It is believed that if this request be authorized, the benefits would far outweigh any that could be derived (b) (5)

(b) (5)  
(b) (5) The dismantlement of entire FIO's is at the core of our duly charged mission and Phoenix – Group VII / Strike Force stands ready to meet it.



**(b) (7)(C)**

From: **(b) (7)(C)**  
 Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 11:21 AM  
 To: **(b) (7)(C)**  
 Subject: RE: I know you love the ATF Orders...

Do the orders define a "day"? Is it; a calendar day? A business day or work day (and if so – how do holidays and leave fit into those equations)? An Earth day (because a day on Venus takes 243 Earth days which would mean that I have plenty of time)?

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From: **(b) (7)(C)**  
 Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:35 AM  
 To: **(b) (7)(C)**  
 Subject: I know you love the ATF Orders...

ATF Order 3400 -123 (c):

- a. Storage of Currency. The security, budgetary, and accounting problems caused by keeping large amounts of cash has caused great concern within the Department of Justice and Congress. All currency, foreign or domestic, taken into custody, whether subject to forfeiture, abandoned, or seized as evidence shall be converted into a cashier's check or money order payable to ATF in U.S. dollars. The check or money order will then be forwarded to the Asset Forfeiture and Seized Property Branch via overnight courier within 5 days of being taken into Bureau custody so that it can be deposited into the appropriate suspense account.

This is not to "set you up" it is just to ensure that you are aware of the ATF Order/policy when dealing with cash...

**(b) (7)(C)**  
 Group Supervisor  
 Phoenix Group VII  
**(b) (7)(C)**

(b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 8:37 AM  
To: (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: RE: write up for ASAC

Is this OK?

ATF Phoenix Group VII – Phoenix Strike Force has begun an investigation into (b) (7)(A)  
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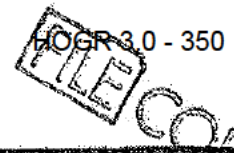
From: (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 5:32 PM  
To: (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: write up for ASAC

(b) (7)(C)

In all seriousness can you please provide me a short written summary hitting the high points of your ongoing case. ASAC Needles wants to be able to brief the Director while he is in town. Please have to me be noon Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,

(b) (7)(C)  
Group Supervisor



Case Number (b)(7)(A)	Field Office/Group Phoenix Field Division Group VII	Case Agent ATF S/A (b)(7)(C)	
Briefing Date and Time (b)(7)(A) & (E)	Operation Date and Time (b)(7)(A) & (E)	Staging Area Date and Time (b)(7)(A) & (E)	Staging Area Location (b)(7)(A) & (E)
Type of Operation (b)(7)(A) & (E)	Vehicle Stop (b)(7)(A) & (E)	Arrest Warrant (b)(7)(A) & (E)	Other (b)(7)(A) & (E)
U/C Operation (b)(7)(A) & (E)	Search Warrant (b)(7)(A) & (E)		
Target Location/Assessment Address (b)(7)(A) & (E)	Telephone Number		
Description and GPS Coordinates (if applicable) (b)(7)(A) & (E)			
(b)(7)(A) & (E) Physical Fortifications	(b)(7)(A) & (E) Countersurveillance	(b)(7)(A) & (E) Animals	
(b)(7)(A) & (E) Explosives	(b)(7)(A) & (E) High Crime Area	(b)(7)(A) & (E) Close Proximity to Schools	
(b)(7)(A) & (E) Children Present	(b)(7)(A) & (E) Approach Difficulties	(b)(7)(A) & (E) Vehicular Traffic Difficulties	
(b)(7)(A) & (E) High Level of Foot Traffic	(b)(7)(A) & (E) Location Frequented By Public	(b)(7)(A) & (E) Chemical/Bio Hazards	
		(b)(7)(A) & (E) Firearms Present at Target Location	
Type of Door: (b)(7)(A) & (E)		(b)(7)(A) & (E) Opens: Right or Left	
Occupants (b)(7)(A) & (E)			
Operation Objectives			
1. (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E) (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)			
S1 (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E) (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)			

Case Background

ATF Phoenix Group VII - Phoenix Strike Force has begun an investigation (b) (7)(A) S1 (b) (7)(A)

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Suspect Information (Complete one for each suspect-additional Suspect Information forms are located at the end of this document)

Suspect's Name S1	Date of Birth	Race	Sex
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Aliases

Description/Characteristics (Height, Weight, Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Language proficiency, etc.)

Home Address and Telephone Number	Work Address and Telephone Number (b)(7)(A) & (E)
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Other Addresses Used

Suspect(s) Known To Be Armed	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Photograph Attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Criminal History (Arrests and Convictions)	Felony Arrests	Felony Convictions	History of Violence	FBI Number
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Describe:

Additional Information	Mental Illness	Substance Abuse	Specialized Training
	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
	Gang Affiliation	Anti-government	Other
	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Suspect Vehicles	Make	Model	Color	License (State)	Other
(b)(7)(A) & (E)					

Undercover/Informant Information	Name	Electronic Equipment	Radio Frequency	Vehicle Description	Description/Clothing
(b)(7)(A) & (E)					

Bust Signals	Primary (Audible)	Secondary (Visual)	Trouble/Rip Off (Audible)	Trouble/Rip Off (Visual)
	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Pager Signal (Emergency)	Pager Signal (Wire not working)	Pager Signal (Nonemergency - leave now)
(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Tactical Plan (Synopsis)

(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

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The on scene commander can alter the operation within the parameters of officer safety and risk management.

Personnel and Assignments

Name	Radio Frequency	Pager or Cell Phone	Vehicle Call Sign	Assignment (Primary/Secondary)	Specialized Equipment
Name of Onscene Commander (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
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9 (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
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General: (b)(7)(E)  
 (b)(7)(A) & (E)

Specific: (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)  
 (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

Purchases: (b)(7)(A) & (E)

Rip-Off: (b)(7)(A) & (E)

Compromise: (b)(7)(A) & (E)

Additional Suspects: (b)(7)(A) & (E)

Barricaded Suspect/Hostage Situation: (b)(7)(A) & (E)

Team Takes Fire/Agent Down: (b)(7)(A) & (E)

Explosives: (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)  
 (b)(7)(A) & (E)

THIS OPERATIONAL PLAN IS A GUIDELINE THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES AND/OR SUSPECT(S) OR SUBJECT(S) DICTATE THAT THE TEAM ALTER THE PLAN IN A SAFER MANNER. THIS DECISION WILL BE MADE DURING THE OPERATION AND WILL BE BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE TIME. USE ATTACHMENTS AS NECESSARY.

<b>Telephone Numbers</b>		
Police Department Local Number	RAC/G.S. (Cellular phone)	Case Agent
911	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (C)

<b>Emergency Information</b>		
Nearest Hospital/Trauma Center	Address	Emergency Room Telephone Number(s)
(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	911
		Life Flight Telephone Number(s)
		911

<b>Command Post</b>			
Location	Telephone Number	Radio Frequency	Coordinator

(b)(7)(A) & (E) Area Map/Diagram of Location Attached     ATF Firearms/Use of Force Policy Attached    (b)(7)(A) & (E) Intel Group Contacted

(b)(7)(A) & (E) ATF Pursuit Policy Attached    (b)(7)(A) & (E) DIA Contacted

(b)(7)(A) & (C)	Date
(b)(7)(A) & (C)	6-1-10
(b)(7)(A) & (C)	Date
(b)(7)(A) & (C)	6-1-10



General Principles

- I. Law enforcement officers of the Department of Justice may use deadly force only when necessary, that is, when the officer has a reasonable belief that the subject of such force poses an imminent danger of death or serious physical injury to the officer or to another person.
  - A. Deadly force may not be used solely to prevent the escape of a fleeing suspect.
  - B. Firearms may not be fired solely to disable moving vehicles.
  - C. If feasible and if to do so would not increase the danger to the officer or others, a verbal warning to submit to the authority of the officer shall be given prior to the use of deadly force.
  - D. Warning shots are not permitted outside of the prison context.
  - E. Officers will be trained in alternative methods and tactics for handling resisting subjects which must be used when the use of deadly force is not authorized by this policy.

Emergency Driving and Pursuit Driving Policy

Except under extraordinary circumstances, HIGH SPEED PURSUITS are expressly prohibited. Circumstances that may necessitate a high-speed pursuit or emergency response may include, but are not limited to, the threat of serious bodily injury or death to an agent or other party.

The following factors should be considered before driving at high speed or engaging in maneuvers that place anyone at risk of death or injury.

1. Severity of the offense or emergency
2. Probability of apprehending the violator (s) at a later time.
3. Weather and road conditions.
4. Availability of emergency equipment.

If the potential outweighs the benefits, the pursuit or response will not be initiated or will be terminated.

The use of roadblocks or ramming to stop a vehicle is a seizure under the fourth amendment, and must also be considered the potential use of deadly force, and therefore, should only be attempted when the use of such force is justified.

In any type of driving, agents must have the utmost regard and respect for the safety of others.

(b) (7)(C)

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From: (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 12:51 PM  
To: (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: Vers - 3.0  
Attachments: PROPOSED UNDERCOVER.docx

(b) (7)(C) Special Agent / ATF - Phoenix Group VII  
3010 N 2nd ST, Suite #301  
Phoenix, AZ 85012  
(b) (7)(C) / Fax: (602) 605-6500 / c (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C)

PROPOSED UNDERCOVER  
FIREARMS TRAFFICKING OPERATION

Regarding and in relation to: [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A)

SYNOPSIS OF INVESTIGATION:

ATF Phoenix Group VII – Phoenix Strike Force has begun an investigation into the

(b) (7)(A) S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (D)  
(b)(7)(A) & (D) S1 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
(b)(7)(A) & (D) S1 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (D); S1 [REDACTED]  
(b)(7)(A) & (D)  
(b)(7)(A), (C) & (D) S1 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
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(b)(7)(A) & (D)  
(b)(7)(A), (C) & (D) S1 [REDACTED]  
S1 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C) S1 [REDACTED]  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C)

[REDACTED]  
(b)(7)(A) & (C)

INVESTIGATION OBJECTIVES:

- (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A) S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)
- (b) (7)(A)
- (b) (7)(A)
- (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A) S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)
- (b) (7)(A)
- (b) (7)(A)

• (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

• If authorized (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E) S1 (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
S1 (b)(7)(A) & (E)

**IN CLOSING:**

It is believed that if this request be authorized, the benefits would far outweigh any that could be derived (b) (5)

(b) (5)

(b) (5) The dismantlement of entire FTO's is at the core of our duly charged mission and Phoenix - Group VII / Strike Force stands ready to meet it.



U.S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,  
Firearms and Explosives

785115 - (b) (7)(A)

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June 01, 2010

(b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(C)

Dear Sir,

Per Section 925(a)(1) of the Gun Control Act (GCA) exempts law enforcement agencies from the transportation, shipment, receipt, or importation controls of the GCA when firearms are to be used for the official business of the agency.

Please accept this letter in lieu of completing an ATF Form 4473 for the purchase of (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(E) by ATF Special Agent (b) (7)(C). These aforementioned pistols will be used by Special Agent (b) (7)(C) in furtherance of performance of his official duties. In addition, Special Agent (b) (7)(C) has not been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. If you have any questions, you may contact me at telephone number (b) (7)(C).

Sincerely,

(b) (7)(C)

ATF Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII



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Sincerely,

(b) (7)(C)

ATF Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII

CASHIER  
REIMBURSEMENT VOUCHER AND/OR  
ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Standard Form 1129  
7 GAO 5100  
1129-106  
Attach Subvouchers Here

Voucher No.  
Schedule No.

PAID BY

U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT - BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES  
(Department, Bureau, or Establishment)  
Payee's name (b) (7)(C)  
Mailing address 281 E. Washington St., Suite 940  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

For payments made on account of official business as per attached subvouchers for the period June 1 - 30, 2010

Amount  
Dollars Cents  
\$ 3,550.00

STATUS OF FUND	Dollars Cents		Differences/Discrepancies
	Dollars	Cents	
This Voucher	\$	3,550.00	
Unpaid Reimbursement Voucher Dated	\$	3,100.00	
Unscheduled Subvouchers	\$		
Interim Receipts for Cash	\$	3,350.00	
Cash on Hand	\$		
Loss of Funds	\$		
Deposits not credited	\$		
Less Interest to HQTR's	\$		
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>10,000.00</b>	

I certify that the disbursements claimed herein are correct and proper, that payment has not been received, and that the amount claimed is correct.

June 30, 2010

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C) Group Supervisor

Pursuant to authority vested in me, I certify that this voucher is correct and proper for payment.

7-2-10 *Jean Hadden*  
Authorized Certified Officer

Number of reimbursement checks desired 1  
in the amount of 3,550.00

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION

Amount claimed hereon are classified as expenditures to obtain evidence and/or information. Where receipts are not furnished, detailed information of expenses incurred in connection with investigations listed on the attachments of this voucher, will be held in the files of this office.

Paid by Check (s) No. (s)

on

(Date)





CASHIER  
REIMBURSEMENT VOUCHER AND/OR  
ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Standard Form 1129  
7 GAO 5190  
1129-106  
Attach Subvouchers Here

Voucher No.  
Schedule No.

PAID BY

U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT - BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES  
DEPARTMENTAL BUREAU OF REIMBURSEMENT  
Payee's name: (b) (7)(C)  
Mailing address: 201 E. Washington St., Suite 040  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

For payments made on account of official business as per attached subvouchers for the period May 1 - 31, 2010

Amount	
Dollars	Cents
\$ 2,100.	00

STATUS OF FUND	Dollars	Cents
This Voucher	\$	2,100.00
Unpaid Reimbursement Voucher Dated	\$	-
Unscheduled Subvouchers	\$	-
Interim Receipts for Cash	\$	-
Cash on Hand	\$	5,350.00
Loss of Funds	\$	-
Deposits not credited	\$	-
Less Interest to HQTR's	\$	-
June Expenditure	\$	2,550.00
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>10,000.00</b>

Differences/Discrepancies

I certify that the disbursements not been received, and that the amount shown

(b) (7)(C)

June 1, 2010

Name: (b) (7)(C) / Sup Supervisor

Pursuant to authority vested in me, I certify that this voucher is correct and proper for payment.

6-3-10 *Jessie Huddle*  
Authorized Certified Officer

Number of reimbursement checks desired: 1  
in the amount of: 2,100.00

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION

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Paid by Check(s) No. (s)

on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)



**ATF EF 3120.2, Report of Investigation**

Report Number: 001 Suspicious purchase of firearm by S2 [REDACTED], Created By: (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] 04/20/2010 15:18  
 Report Number: 002 (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED] S2 [REDACTED], Created By: (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] 05/20/2010 17:30  
 Report Number: 003 S1 [REDACTED]'s activity in and around the Phoenix Gun Show., Created By: (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] 05/20/2010 17:3  
 Report Number: 004 (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED] S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED], Created By: (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] 05/20/2010  
 Report Number: 005 (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED] S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED], Created By: (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] 05/24/2010  
 Report Number: 006 (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED] S1 [REDACTED], Created By: (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] 05/25/2010 14:13  
 Report Number: 007 (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED] S1 [REDACTED], Created By: (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] 06/08/2010 17:28  
 Report Number: 008 (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED], Created By: (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] 06/08/2010 17:29  
 Report Number: 009 (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED] S1 [REDACTED], Created By: (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] 09/10/2010 16:  
 Report Number: 010 (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED] S1 [REDACTED], Created By: (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] 09/14/2010 12:49  
 Report Number: 011 (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED], Created By: (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] 11/04/2010 17:01

**ATF EF 3400.30, Report of Destruction**

Submitted  
 Approved  
 Disposed  
 Item(s): 000002, E-000001, E-000002, E-000003, E-000004, E-000005, Created By: (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] 12/06/2010 11:59

**Archived**

**ATF EF 3400.31, Release and Receipt of Property**

Submitted  
 Approved  
 Item(s): 000001, Created By: (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] 06/08/2010 17:56

**Disposed**

Archived

**ATF F 3120.1, Personal History/TECS Input**

**ATF F 3312.1, National Tracing Center Trace Report**

**ATF F 3400.16, Property Inventory/Forfeited Property Appraisal Report**

**Electronic Surveillance Request Report**

**Electronic Surveillance Use Report**

**Significant Information Report**

Log Date	Log Type	Mgmt Log Text
04/13/2010	NO ACTION (SEE REMA	S2 purchases Colt AR from (b) (7)(A)
04/14/2010	CASE OPENED	(b) (7)(A) contacts ATF. (b) (7)(C) respond to (b) (7)(A) and obtain copies of 4473 and receipt.
04/22/2010	ROI Created	(b) (7)(C) interviews S2 who admits to straw purchases.
04/24/2010	ROI Created	(b) (7)(D) S1 [REDACTED] at Phoenix Gun Show and (b) (7)(D) S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(C) S3 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED] at Phoenix Gun Show on S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(D) PPD encounters S3 [REDACTED] and S1 [REDACTED] after suspicious activity at Phoenix Gun Show. Acting GS (b) (7)(C)
05/08/2010	E/S AUTHORIZED	(b) (7)(D) S1 [REDACTED]
05/08/2010	ROI Created	(b) (7)(D) S1 [REDACTED]
05/11/2010	INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVIT	S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED]
05/11/2010	INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVIT	(b) (7)(D) S1 [REDACTED]
05/13/2010	INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVIT	S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED]
05/20/2010	AUSA/DA CONTACT	(b) (7)(C) briefed AUSA (b) (7)(C) on case and obtained ES authorization (b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A)
05/20/2010	INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVIT	(b) (7)(D) S1 [REDACTED]
05/20/2010	ROI Created	(b) (7)(C) & (D) [REDACTED]
05/23/2010	ROI Created	(b) (7)(C) S1 [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]
05/24/2010	RAC/GS REVIEW	GS (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED]
06/01/2010	MEETING/CONTACT (SE	(b) (7)(C) S1 [REDACTED], ES requested, ROIs to follow
06/04/2010	MEETING/CONTACT (SE	(b) (7)(C) S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED]
06/08/2010	INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVIT	(b) (7)(C) & (E) S1 [REDACTED] to cashier's check made payable to AF&SPB and mails to HQ. (**NOTE** (b) (7)(C) on leave (b) (7)(C)
06/08/2010	ROI Created	(b) (7)(C) Surv ROI #8
06/23/2010	RAC/GS REVIEW	(b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]
08/02/2010	INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVIT	S/A (b) (7)(C) has made several (b) (7)(C) S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(E) (b) (7)(C) & (E) (b) (7)(C) & (E)
08/03/2010	RAC/GS REVIEW	(b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]
08/31/2010	MEETING/CONTACT (SE	(b) (7)(C) meeting w/ S1 [REDACTED]
09/10/2010	ROI Created	ROI submitted. (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED]
09/14/2010	ROI Created	(b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]
09/20/2010	RAC/GS REVIEW	GS (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]
10/04/2010	RAC/GS REVIEW	GS (b) (7)(C) SA (b) (7)(C) & (E) (b) (7)(C) & (E) [REDACTED]
11/04/2010	ROI Created	S/A (b) (7)(C) has contact/communication with S1 [REDACTED]
11/04/2010	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIV	S/A (b) (7)(C) recommends case closure and request all property be destroyed.
11/15/2010	RAC/GS REVIEW	GS (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]
11/23/2010	RAC/GS REVIEW	Property needs to be destroyed not released.
12/06/2010	PENDING PROPERTY DI	(b) (7)(C) request authorization for destruction of property.

Case Title: S1 [REDACTED]

HOGR 3.0 - 372

Date: 04/27/2011

User: (b) (7)(C)

<u>Log Date</u>	<u>Log Type</u>	<u>Mgmt Log Text</u>
12/06/2010	PENDING PROPERTY DI	Destruction authorization granted (b) (7)(C)
04/20/2011	CASE CLOSED	(b) (7)(C)

Title of Investigation: S2 [REDACTED]	Investigation Number: [REDACTED] 0001	Report Number: 1
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**SUMMARY:**

Suspicious firearm purchase at (b) (7)(A) by S2 [REDACTED]

**NARRATIVE:**

1. (b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A) S/A's (b) (7)(C) and (b) (7)(C) responded to (b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A) and spoke with the owner, [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A)
2. (b)(7)(A) & (C) S2 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A) S2 (b) (7)(A) As S2 [REDACTED] was departing (b) (7)(A) S2 (b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A) S2 (b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A) [REDACTED] Prior to departing, S/A's (b) (7)(C) and (b) (7)(C) obtained copies of the appropriate 4473 and sales receipt describing S2's purchase.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Copy - ATF Form 4473 / completed and signed by S2 [REDACTED] (b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A) (b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A)
2. Copy (b) (7)(A) [REDACTED] describing the reported purchase.

Prepared by: (b) (7)(C)	Title: Special Agent, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Authorized by: (b) (7)(C)	Title: Group Supervisor, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Second level reviewer (optional): William D. Newell	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division	Signature:	Date:



Title of Investigation: S1	Investigation Number: (b)(7)(A)	Report Number: 2
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**SUMMARY OF EVENT:**

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, S/A (b)(7)(C) interviewed S2 (previously indexed), at his residence

**NARRATIVE:**

1. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, S/A (b)(7)(C) responded to S2 and spoke with S2 (hereinafter: S2) in regards to his purchase of (b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A) see ROI #1, this File Title, this File Number). S/A (b)(7)(C) advised S2 (b)(7)(A) (b)(7)(A) S2 (b)(7)(A) (b)(7)(A) S2 (b)(7)(A) (b)(7)(C)

a. S2 stated that (b)(7)(C) S1 (b)(7)(A) S2 (b)(7)(A) (b)(7)(A) S2 advised that S1 (b)(7)(A) (b)(7)(A) S1 gave a (b)(7)(A) S2 entered (b)(7)(A) (b)(7)(A) S2 by S1 (b)(7)(A) S2 and S1 (b)(7)(A) S2 (b)(7)(A)

b. (b)(7)(A) (b)(7)(A) S2 stated that (b)(7)(A) S2 to the (b)(7)(A) S1 (b)(7)(A) S2 (b)(7)(A) S1 after (b)(7)(A) S2 (b)(7)(A)

Prepared by: (b)(7)(C)	Title: Special Agent, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Authorized by: (b)(7)(C)	Title: Group Supervisor, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Second level reviewer (optional): William D. Newell	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division	Signature:	Date:



c. S2 (b) (7)(A) S1 (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A) S2  
(b) (7)(A) S1 (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A) S1 (b) (7)(A)

2. During the interview, S/A (b) (7)(C) showed S2 (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A) S2 (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.  
\*\*\* Relevant 4473's will be obtained at a later date. \*\*\*

Title of Investigation: S1	Investigation Number: (b) (7)(A)	Report Number: 3
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SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

(b)(7)(A), (C) & (D)  
S1 (b) (7)(A)

NARRATIVE:

1. (b) (7)(A) S/A (b) (7)(C) (ATF – Phoenix Field Division – Phoenix Group VII Strike-Force)  
(b)(7)(A) & (D) S1 (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)
2. (b)(7)(A), (C) & (D) S1 (b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (D) S1 (b)(7)(A) & (D) S1 (b)(7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A) S1 (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
(b)(7)(A) & (D) S1 (b)(7)(A) & (D) S1 had  
had S3 /  
S3 (b)(7)(A) & (D) S1 or  
S3 (b)(7)(A) & (D) S1 (b)(7)(A) & (D) S3 (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
(b)(7)(A) & (D) S3 (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
(b)(7)(A) & (D) S1 (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
(b)(7)(A) & (D) S1 (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
(b)(7)(A) & (D) S3 (b)(7)(A) & (D)
3. Later investigative efforts by S/A (b) (7)(C) and S/A (b) (7)(C) revealed that S3 (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C) On or about April 28<sup>th</sup>,  
2010, S/A's (b) (7)(C) and (b) (7)(C) responded to (b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A)  
(b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A) S3 (b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A)

Prepared by: (b) (7)(C)	Title: Special Agent, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Authorized by: (b) (7)(C)	Title: Group Supervisor, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Second level reviewer (optional): William D. Newell	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division	Signature:	Date:

(b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A)

4. Furthermore, S/A (b)(7)(C) learned that officers from the Phoenix Police Department's (PPD) Gun Enforcement Squad had encountered S3, S1 and (b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A) & (C)

On 04-24-10 (b)(7)(C) was assigned to the Phoenix Police Department's Gun Enforcement Squad which is attached on a Task Force to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. (b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

Arizona.

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

S1 (b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

License as S3  
I observed S1 and S3 (b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

S1 and S3 (b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

S1

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

S1 (b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A) S1 S1 (b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A) S1 S1 (b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A) & (C)

(b)(7)(A)

) and S1 were identified.

(b)(7)(A)

after S1 (b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

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contacted by Detective (b) (7)(C) and Detective (b) (7)(C) in the area of (b) (7)(A)

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S3 (b) (7)(A)

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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. ATF Form 4473 - Firearms Transaction Record / (b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A) S3 in (b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A)
- 2. ATF Form 3310.4 - Report of Multiple Sale or Other Disposition (b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A) (b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A) S3 (b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A)

Title of Investigation: S1	Investigation Number: [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A)	Report Number: 4
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**SUMMARY OF EVENTS:**

(b)(7)(A) & (D)  
(b)(7)(A) & (D) S1 [REDACTED]

**NARRATIVE:**

1. (b)(7)(A) & (D) S1 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
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(b)(7)(A) & (D)

Prepared by: (b)(7)(C)	Title: Special Agent, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Authorized by: (b)(7)(C)	Title: Group Supervisor, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Second level reviewer (optional): William D. Newell	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division	Signature:	Date:

- 4. (b)(7)(A), (C) & (D)
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  - (b)(7)(A) & (D)

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Copy of receipt from (b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A)
- 2. Copies of ATF Form(s) 4473 and 3310.4 relevant to this firearms purchase (to be obtained at a later date, attached and incorporated within).

EXHIBITS:

- 1. (b)(7)(A) & (D) S1 (b)(7)(A) & (D)

Title of Investigation: S1 [REDACTED]	Investigation Number: [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A)	Report Number: 5
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**SUMMARY OF EVENT:**

Beginning on (b)(7)(A) & (D) [REDACTED]  
(b)(7)(A) S1 [REDACTED]

**NARRATIVE:**

1. (b)(7)(A) S1 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (D) [REDACTED]  
(b)(7)(A) & (D) [REDACTED]  
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(b)(7)(A) & (D) [REDACTED]
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(b)(7)(A) & (D) [REDACTED]  
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(b)(7)(A) & (D) [REDACTED]
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Prepared by: (b)(7)(C)	Title: Special Agent, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Authorized by: (b)(7)(C)	Title: Group Supervisor, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Second level reviewer (optional): William D. Newell	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division	Signature:	Date:

(b)(7)(A), (C) & (D)

\*\*\* NOTE \*\*\* (b)(7)(A), (C) & (D)  
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(b)(7)(A), (C) & (D)  
(b)(7)(A), (C) & (D) END NOTE

ATTACHMENTS:

1. (b) (7)(A) -- to be obtained at a later date.

EXHIBITS:

2. (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
S1 (b)(7)(A) & (D)
3. (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
S1 (b)(7)(A) & (D)



Title of Investigation: S1 [REDACTED]	Investigation Number: [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)	Report Number: 6
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**SUMMARY OF EVENT:**

(b)(7)(A) & (C)  
with S1 [REDACTED].

**NARRATIVE:**

1. (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
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(b)(7)(A), (C) & (D) S1 [REDACTED],  
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Prepared by: (b) (7)(C)	Title: Special Agent, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Authorized by: (b) (7)(C)	Title: Group Supervisor, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Second level reviewer (optional): William D. Newell	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division	Signature:	Date:

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ATTACHMENTS:

None.

EXHIBITS:

4. (b)(7)(A) & (C) S1  
 (b) (7)(A)

Title of Investigation: S1	Investigation Number: (b) (7)(A)	Report Number: 7
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**SUMMARY OF EVENT:**

(b)(7)(A) & (C) S1  
(b) (7)(A)

**NARRATIVE:**

1. (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
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(b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C) participated in a meeting with ATF  
Phoenix Field Division, ASAC J. Needles. After being briefed on the details, scope and proposed direction of  
this investigation, ASAC Needles authorized (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A) S1 (b) (7)(C)

2. (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b) (7)(A)  
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Prepared by: (b) (7)(C)	Title: Special Agent, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Authorized by: (b) (7)(C)	Title: Group Supervisor, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Second level reviewer (optional): William D. Newell	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division	Signature:	Date:

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(b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C)

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Copy of Bank of America Cashier's Check, No. 008553111.

EXHIBITS:

- (b)(7)(A) with S1 on 06/01/2010.
- \$2,500.00 miscellaneous U.S. currency (\*\*\*) NOTE (\*\*\*) (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
\$2,500.00 cash, obtained from S1, into a cashier's check [BOA - No. 008553111] and forwarded it to ATF - AF&SPB.)

Bank of America

Cashier's Check

No. 008553111

Notice to Purchaser - In the event this check is lost, misplaced or stolen, a stop statement and 90-day waiting period will be required prior to replacement. This check should be negotiated within 90 days.

Date JUNE 08, 2010

91-170/1221 NAZ

Banking Center

HOME OFFICE COLLIER CENTER

0008564 00003 008553111

ATP Remitter (Purchased By)

\$ \*\*2500.00\*\*

Pay \*\*TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS\*\*

To The Order Of

\*\*ATP- AP&SPB\*\*

Authorized Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Bank of America, N.A. Phoenix, AZ

VOID AFTER 90 DAYS

⑈008553111⑈ ⑆122101706⑆ 252563602⑈

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Bank of America

Cashier's Check

No. 008553111

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Date JUNE 08, 2010

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Banking Center

HOME OFFICE COLLIER CENTER

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ATP Remitter (Purchased By)

\$ \*\*2500.00\*\*

Pay \*\*TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS\*\*

To The Order Of

\*\*ATP- AP&SPB\*\*

Non-Negotiable

Authorized Signature

Customer Copy Retain For Your Records

252563602

Bank of America, N.A. Phoenix, AZ

VOID AFTER 90 DAYS

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 12:28 PM  
**To:** Phoe-Group VII  
**Subject:** Please read, enough said  
**Attachments:** Chait memo, 3-28-11.pdf

(b) (7)(C)  
Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 12:31 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Please read, enough said

HOGR 3.0 - 673

Good thing we never did this in Fast and Furious and violated policy.

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:28 AM  
**To:** Phoenix-Group VII  
**Subject:** Please read, enough said

(b) (7)(C)  
Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 3:43 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C) (IAO); Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C) Needles, James R.  
**Subject:** RE: not that you can or want to talk about it

**Categories:** Fast and Furious

Thank you gentlemen! This is what I'll tell them.

(b) (7)(C)  
Analyst Chief  
ATF Mexico Country Office  
(b) (7)(C) extension (b) (7)(C) office)  
(b) (7)(C) Blackberry)

(b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C) (IAO)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 2:32 PM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.; (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C) Needles, James R.  
**Subject:** RE: not that you can or want to talk about it

10-4 George. thanks

ATF SA (b) (7)(C)  
International Affairs Office  
Program Manager-Mexico  
99 NY Ave. NE, 6S-144  
Washington, DC 20226  
W: 202.(b) (7)(C)  
C: (b) (7)(C)  
F: 202.648.7630

**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 3:31 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C) (IAO)  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C) ; Needles, James R.  
**Subject:** RE: not that you can or want to talk about it

All we would say is that this is an ongoing investigation.

Thanks!

George

**From:** (b) (7)(C) (IAO)  
**Sent:** Monday, July 12, 2010 12:13 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,

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Program Manager-Mexico  
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C: (b) (7)(C)  
F: 202.648.7630

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From: (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 2:58 PM  
To: (b) (7)(C) (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 (b) (7)(C). They have noticed all of his purchases and want to know what we are doing about him.

(b) (7)(C)  
Analyst Chief  
ATF Mexico Country Office  
(b) (7)(C) extension (b) (7)(C) (office)  
(b) (7)(C) Blackberry)

(b) (7)(C)

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From: (b) (7)(C) (IAO)  
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 1:52 PM  
To: (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: not that you can or want to talk about it

CASE TITLE: (b) (7)(C) CASE NUMBER: 785115-10-0004

On July 8, 2010 (b) (7)(C) ATF agents learned that (b) (7)(C)

(b)(7)(A) & (C)

(b) (7)(A)

(b)(7)(A) & (C)

(b)(7)(A) & (C)

Additionally a

(b) (7)(A)

ATF SA (b) (7)(C)  
International Affairs Office  
Program Manager-Mexico

99 NY Ave. NE, 6S-144  
Washington, DC 20226  
W: 202 (b) (7)(C)  
C: (b) (7)(C)  
F: 202.648.7630

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2009 3:56 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Yep another day in the (b) (7)(E)

**Categories:** IG, F&F

(b) (7)(C)

Sure boss get right on that as soon as (b)(7)(A) & (C) [redacted] AZ crew who  
(b)(7)(A) & (C) [redacted]  
(b) (7)(A) [redacted] and oh yeah let's not forget the OCDEF proposal we're trying to finish for presentation on the regional  
meeting on Tuesday which (b)(7)(A) & (C) [redacted]  
Maryland next week...AND the Shit sandwich (b) (7)(C) trying to salvage from ICE...

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2009 1:31 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Yep another day in the (b) (7)(E)

I am just saying that [redacted] spent over (b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A) [redacted]  
from 2006 but he might still be at it just under the \$10,000 limit?

There you have it.

(b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2009 4:45 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Re: G-ride  
**Categories:** IG, F&F

I would love to read it. Send it over when you get a chance.

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wed Nov 25 16:34:57 2009  
**Subject:** RE: G-ride

Yeah I think they are looking at him, (b) (7)(E) We just did a SWB Firearms Trafficking (b) (7)(E) of all places and it worked great; I can send you some if it if you want to read it. We had one

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2009 3:29 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: G-ride

I looked at those attachments you sent. Pretty crazy – (b) (3) (P.L. 111-117), (b) (7)(A) what's going on. I assume that somebody is on this dude already?

(b) (7)(C)

*Special Agent  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives  
Los Angeles Field Division, Glendale Group 1  
Desk: (b) (7)(C)  
Fax: 818.265.2511*

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2009 12:59 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: G-ride

(b) (7)(C)

We entered into a purchase agreement for a house out West in (b) (7)(C) I believe it to be a good deal, it is gated, on a golf course, former model, has a club house with pool, tennis courts, etc... The close is not scheduled until Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> though.

G-rides are always tough, if you think you can bring yours go ahead otherwise it will probably be a Chevy Impala. I hear from (b) (7)(C) that we got a couple for our group. If you don't need to make the decision right away, I should definitely have a better feel for it once I get there starting the week of Dec 7<sup>th</sup>.

I hope you are excited and ready for Group VII, I know I am. It appears to be wide open territory (other than fighting with ICE). The 7.62 pistols appear very popular currently. Looking at Multiple Sales/E-trace I see (b) (3) (P.L. 111-117), (b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (3) (P.L. 111-117), (b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 25, 2009 2:01 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** G-ride

(b) (7)(C)

I hope all is going/went well with your house hunting trip. What city do you think you are going to land in? I had a question for you – which you probably won't be able to answer until you actually start working in Phoenix. How is the G-Ride fleet looking? I thought about trying to get authorization to take my current g-ride with me when I report. I don't have a great g-ride (2005 Chevy Malibu w/ 60K miles), but it runs well and doesn't have any problems. Before trying to jump through those hoops, I wanted to see what your thoughts were.

Thanks

Have a great Thanksgiving.

(b) (7)(C)

**Special Agent**  
**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives**  
**Los Angeles Field Division, Glendale Group 1**  
**Desk:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Fax: 818.265.2511**

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**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2009 12:37 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Re: How's your first day?

**Categories:** ISSA, IG, F&F

Ummm. I'll fill you in tonight. It's high side info.

George T. Gillett  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
ATF - Phoenix Field Division  
Cell: (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Mon Dec 07 12:33:57 2009  
**Subject:** RE: How's your first day?

Should be clear for football. (b)(7)(A) & (C)

(b)(7)(A) & (C)

border. Is there a point of contact @ SOD or someone I can talk to regarding this information?

Thanks

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2009 11:28 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Re: How's your first day?

Are you up for going out to Monday Night Football or does your group have something going tonight?

George T. Gillett  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
ATF - Phoenix Field Division  
Cell: (b) (7)(C)

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From: (b) (7)(C)  
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.  
Sent: Mon Dec 07 12:25:10 2009  
Subject: RE: How's your first day?

So far so good! Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.  
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2009 11:25 AM  
To: (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: How's your first day?

George T. Gillett  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
ATF - Phoenix Field Division  
Cell: (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2009 12:33 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Today's Multiple Sales

**Categories:** IG, F&F

See, I'm not as dumb as everyone makes me out to be, especially your old boss Mr. Zapor.

Bill Newell  
 Special Agent in Charge  
 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)  
 Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)  
 Office - (602)776-5400

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2009 10:31 AM  
**To:** Newell, William D.; Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Today's Multiple Sales

I am sorry but (b) (7)(C) is in N-Force under our current Group VII case (785115-10-0004) and his guns are

**(b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A)**

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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2009 9:57 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Today's Multiple Sales

FYI, my hunches tell me he's involved but maybe I'm wrong.

Bill Newell  
 Special Agent in Charge  
 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)  
 Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)  
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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 09, 2009 11:51 AM  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Subject:** RE: Today's Multiple Sales

**(b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A) & (C)**



He may be one to watch.

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

Senior Intelligence Research Specialist  
Phoenix Field Division

(b) (7)(C) Direct  
Mobile

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**From:** Newell, William D.

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 09, 2009 8:47 AM

**To:** (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** Today's Multiple Sale

Is this one of the guys in (b)(7)(A) & (C)

(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)

Apt: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)  
Address: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)  
DOB: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)  
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)

Firearms	Mfg:	Caliber:	Serial:	Type:	Purchased:
(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)					
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(b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)					

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Bill Newell  
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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2009 6:00 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Mexicali seizure  
**Categories:** IG, F&F

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2009 1:10 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C); Mangan, Thomas G.; Newell, William (BOP)  
**Subject:** Mexicali seizure

(b) (7)(A)

SSA (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2009 6:04 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Mexicali Seizure  
**Attachments:** Mexicali Seizure 12092009.doc

**Categories:** IG, F&F

-----Original Message-----

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2009 2:35 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Fw: Mexicali Seizure

Hope these are the guns. (b) (7)(C) is going to trace them. The pgr is thinking that these are all going to sinaloa. (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

SSA (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Fri Dec 11 15:54:01 2009  
**Subject:** Mexicali Seizure

This is the list of guns from the Mexicali seizure that occurred from 12/09/09 through 12/10/09. The totals are included in the heading of the attached document. We are suspecting (b) (7)(A)

(b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(C) is the case agent out of Phoenix and we are in contact with her.

These will be traced by Tijuana.

(b) (7)(C)  
Assistant Country Attache  
Tijuana Field Office  
(b) (7)(C) (Mexico Mobile)  
(b) (7)(C) (Mexico Direct Connect)  
(b) (7)(C) (US Mobile)

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From: (b) (7)(C)

To: (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Fri Dec 11 15:08:18 2009

Seizure of 48 Firearms in Mexicali, Baja California, by Mexican Military on December 9, 2009, along with 2,000,000 USD, 1,000,000 Mexican Pesos, 500 Kilos of Cocaine, 85 pounds of Methamphetamine and 12 suspects arrested.  
Organization Suspected: Sinaloa Cartel

1. Maadi Egypt 7.62 X39 rifle, Model MISR Receiver, S/N [REDACTED], Made in Egypt, Imported by CAI St. Albans, VT.
2. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model SAGPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
3. NORINCO 7.62X39 rifle, Model NHM91, Made in China, [REDACTED], Imported by CSI, Ontario, CA.
4. NORINCO 7.62X39 rifle, Model MAK90, Made in China, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI, ST. Albans, VT.
5. Maadi Egypt 7.62X39 rifle, Model UNKNOWN, Made in Egypt, [REDACTED], Imported by PARS Intl., Louisville, KY.
6. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
7. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
8. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
9. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
10. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
11. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
12. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
13. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
14. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
15. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
16. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
17. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
18. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
19. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
20. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
21. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
22. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.

23. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
24. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
25. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
26. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
27. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
28. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
29. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
30. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
31. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
32. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
33. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
34. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
35. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
36. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
37. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED] or S/N 1969BL4539, Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
38. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
39. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
40. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
41. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
42. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
43. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
44. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
45. ROMARM/CUGIR 7.62X 39 rifle, Model GPWASR10-63, Made in Romania, [REDACTED], Imported by CAI Georgia, VT.
46. Norinco 5.56X45 rifle, Model BWK-92 Sporter, Made in China, [REDACTED], Imported by [REDACTED]
47. Eagle Arms 5.56X45 rifle, Model M15A2, Made in USA, S/N [REDACTED]

48. FN HERSTAL, 5.7X28mm pistol, Model 57, Made in Belgium, Imported by FN  
HERSTAL, S/N [REDACTED]

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 19, 2009 10:34 PM  
**To:** Martin, Steve K.; Newell, William D.  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C); (b) (7)(C); (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Phoenix F/As Traff case  
**Attachments:** organization.anb  
  
**Categories:** ISSA, IG, F&F

ALCON-Here is an updated version of the i2 chart that was sent to GS (b) (7)(C) I updated it with a couple of photographs furnished by (b) (7)(C) stated that she was going to do a time line on this case. Please view the i2 chart and if you need assistance with the time line please advise.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Martin, Steve K.  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2009 6:04 PM  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C); (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Phoenix F/As Traff case

Let's see what we can do.  
Steve

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2009 6:03 PM  
**To:** Martin, Steve K.  
**Subject:** Re: Phoenix F/As Traff case

I never received anything but I think my new GS did. He's out today closing on his house. If I can get the chart sent to me would be great. The new USA is a "visual guy".  
 Bill Newell  
 Special Agent in Charge  
 ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)  
 Cell: (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** Martin, Steve K.  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Fri Dec 18 18:01:19 2009  
**Subject:** RE: Phoenix F/As Traff case

Am I too late on this one?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Newell, William D.



**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 12:50 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: write up for ASAC

That is great thanks!

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 8:37 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: write up for ASAC

Is this OK?

ATF Phoenix Group VII - Phoenix Strike Force has begun an investigation into (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A) & (D)  
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(b) (7)(A) & (E) (b) (7)(A) & (E)

(b) (7)(C) / Special Agent / ATF - Phoenix Group VII  
3010 N 2nd ST, Suite #301  
Phoenix, AZ 85012  
T: (b) (7)(C) / Fax: (602) 605-6500 / C: (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 07, 2010 5:32 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** write up for ASAC

(b) (7)(C)

In all seriousness can you please provide me a short written summary hitting the high points of your ongoing case. ASAC Needles wants to be able to brief the Director while he is in town. Please have to me be noon Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,

(b) (7)(C)

Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII

(b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 16, 2010 12:33 PM

**To:** (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** Memo's

**Attachments:** prop memo on letterhead.doc; prop memo on letterhead (AT4 LAW) 2.docx

(b) (7)(C)

Can print these on letterhead for me and put them in (b) (7)(C) box for signature?

Thanks,

(b) (7)(C) Special Agent / ATF - Phoenix Group VII - Strike Force  
3010 N 2nd ST, Suite #100  
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(b) (7)(C)

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MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy Assistant Director  
Field Operations West

THRU: Special Agent in Charge  
Phoenix Field Division

FROM: Resident Agent in Charge  
Phoenix Group VII Field Office

SUBJECT: Request for Undercover Merchandise (Props)

In accordance with ATF O 3250.1A, this memorandum is submitted in support of a request for (b)(7)(A) & (E) in investigation: 785115 (b)(7)(A). This investigation is an ATF Phoenix Group VII / Phoenix Strike-Force case; [REDACTED]

ATF Phoenix Group VII / Phoenix Strike-Force has begun an investigation into (b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (D)

(b)(7)(A) & (D)

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(b)(7)(D) (b)(7)(A) & (D)

(b)(7)(A), (C) & (D)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A) & (C)

(b)(7)(A) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (C)

(b)(7)(A) & (C)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A) & (C)

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(A) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) [REDACTED]

(b)(7)(A)

(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

(b)(7)(A) & (E) [REDACTED] s)

**(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)**

This request is to obtain and use the following props from ATF Explosives Technology Branch (ETB):

- 1) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 2) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 3) (b)(7)(A) & (E)

If further information is required, please contact either RAC (b) (7)(C) or Special Agent (b) (7)(C) at (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)



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MEMORANDUM TO: Special Agent in Charge  
Phoenix Field Division

FROM: Resident Agent in Charge  
Phoenix Group VII Field Office

SUBJECT: Request for use of Undercover Merchandise (Props)

In accordance with ATF O 3250.1A, this memorandum is submitted in support of a request for Special Agent in Charge (SAC) approval to use undercover merchandise, (b)(7)(A) & (E) in investigation: 785115-(b)(7)(A) This investigation is an ATF Phoenix Strike-Force case;

ATF Phoenix Group VII / Phoenix Strike-Force has begun an investigation into (b) (7)(A)  
 (b) (7)(A) (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
 (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
 (b) (7)(A) (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
 (b) (7)(D) (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
 (b)(7)(A), (C) & (D)  
 (b) (7)(A)  
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 (b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A)  
 (b) (7)(A)  
 (b) (7)(C) (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E) s)  
 (b)(7)(A) & (E)

# (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

Approval is requested to use the following props that are currently located in the Phoenix Field Division:

- 1) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 2) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 3) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 4) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 5) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 6) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 7) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 8) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 9) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 10) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 11) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 12) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 13) (b)(7)(A) & (E)

Approval is also requested to obtain and use the following props from ATF Explosives Technology Branch (ETB):

- 14) (b)(7)(A) & (E)
- 15) (b)(7)(A) & (E)

If further information is required, please contact either RAC (b) (7)(C) or Special Agent (b) (7)(C) at (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 01, 2010 5:58 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Prop Memo  
**Attachments:** prop memo 9-1-2010.docx

If this is ok, just let me know if you want to print to color printer or have me do it?

(b) (7)(C) / Special Agent / ATF - Phoenix Group VII - Strike Force  
3010 N 2nd ST, Suite #100  
Phoenix, AZ 85012  
T: (b) (7)(C) Fax: (602) 605-6500 / C: (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C)





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September 01, 2010

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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief - ATF  
Explosives and Technology Branch (ETB)

THRU: Special Agent in Charge  
Phoenix Field Division

FROM: Resident Agent in Charge  
Phoenix Group VII Field Office

SUBJECT: Request for Undercover Merchandise (Props)

In accordance with ATF O 3250.1A, this memorandum is submitted in support of a request for (b)(7)(A) & (E) (b)(7)(A) & (E) in investigation: 785115-(b)(7)(A). This investigation is an ATF Phoenix Group VII / Phoenix Strike-Force case; [REDACTED]

ATF Phoenix Group VII / Phoenix Strike-Force is continuing an investigation into (b)(7)(A) (b)(7)(A) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (D) [REDACTED]

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(b)(7)(A) & (C) [REDACTED]

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

This request is to obtain and use the following props from ATF Explosives Technology Branch (ETB):

1) (b)(7)(A) & (E)

2) (b)(7)(A) & (E)

3) (b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

4) (b)(7)(A) & (E)

If further information is required, please contact either RAC (b) (7)(C) or Special Agent (b) (7)(C) at (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 01, 2010 6:20 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: I'm here  
**Attachments:** prop memo 9-1-2010.docx

I emailed this earlier to (b) (7)(C) but haven't heard back. Can u (review and then) print to color printer and submit for his approval/signature?

Thanks

(b) (7)(C) / Special Agent / ATF - Phoenix Group VII - Strike Force  
3010 N 2nd ST, Suite #100  
Phoenix, AZ 85012  
T: (b) (7)(C) / Fax: (602) 605-6500 / C: (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 01, 2010 3:17 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** I'm here

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2010 3:50 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Vers - 3.0  
**Attachments:** PROPOSED UNDERCOVER.docx

(b) (7)(C) / Special Agent / ATF - Phoenix Group VII  
3010 N 2nd ST, Suite #301  
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(b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C)

**PROPOSED UNDERCOVER  
FIREARMS TRAFFICKING OPERATION**

Regarding and in relation to: 785115-(b) (7)(A)

**SYNOPSIS OF INVESTIGATION:**

ATF Phoenix Group VII – Phoenix Strike Force has begun an investigation into the

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(b)(7)(A), (C) & (D)  
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[REDACTED]

(b)(7)(A) & (C)

**INVESTIGATION OBJECTIVES:**

- (b) (7)(A)  
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- To continue ATF's legacy of being the Nation's answer (the "go-to" guys) for combating the most violent, well-armed criminal organizations that have, do, and may someday threaten the security of the United States.
- To continue ATF's strong history of forward thinking to develop new strategies, new dogma, and apply them to the numerous "outside the box" solutions that have made us so successful in our OMO, Criminal Militia, Extremist/Hate/Radical Groups, and Counter-Terrorism Investigations.
- To fulfill ATF's Mission Statement and further our efforts to "protect(s) our communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, the illegal use and trafficking of firearms".
- To adhere to and meet the goals and expectations of the Phoenix Group VII – Strike Force; specifically charged with being the President's, DOJ's and ATF's first and foremost answer to "Southwest Border "Gunrunner" investigations, which are those that involve trafficking of firearms to Mexico in an effort to stem the growing violence and associated criminal activity perpetrated by the Mexican drug cartels, along the Southwest Border. Group VII will be co-located at the OCDETF Strike Force which will combine investigative intelligence and the sharing of information in order to develop priority targets and **utilize proactive long-term, extensive investigative techniques to identify all the tentacles of a particular organization.**"

**SPECIFIC REQUEST:**

To allow this investigation to proceed by authorizing Phoenix Group VII – Strike Force

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within the FTO. This request is not in violation of any ATF Policy/Directive and adherence to any and all relevant ATF Policy/Directive [specifically ATF 3310.4(b) 148(a)(2)] will be maintained at all times. (b)(7)(A) & (E)

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 (b)(7)(A) & (E) Furthermore, in falls squarely in the realm of acceptance afforded those investigations involving the infiltration of an OMO, Criminal Militia or Extremist/Hate/Radical Groups by an ATF undercover Agent. Lastly, the spirit of this request is to further represent ATF's position at the pinnacle of Federal Law Enforcement by again accepting the difficult missions and not shying away from the manner and means necessary to meet them.

**REASON FOR REQUEST:**

- (b)(7)(A) & (E) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
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- (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)  
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- If authorized, (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
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**IN CLOSING:**

It is believed that if this request be authorized, the benefits would far outweigh any that could be derived (b) (5)  
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(b) (5) The dismantlement of entire FTO's is at the core of our duly charged mission and Phoenix – Group VII / Strike Force stands ready to meet it.

### ATF Operational Plan

Case Number (b)(7)(A)		Field Office/Group Phoenix Field Division Group VII		Case Agent ATF S/A (b)(7)(C)			
Briefing Date and Time (b)(7)(A) & (E)		Operation Date and Time (b)(7)(A) & (E)		Staging Area Date and Time (b)(7)(A) & (E)		Staging Area Location (b)(7)(A) & (E)	
Type of Operation (b)(7)(A) & (E) (b)(7)(A) & (E)		(b)(7)(A) & (E) (b)(7)(A) & (E)		(b)(7)(A) & (E)			
Target Location/Assessment						Telephone Number	
Address (b)(7)(A) & (E)							
Description and GPS Coordinates (if applicable) (b)(7)(A) & (E)							
(b)(7)(A) & (E)		(b)(7)(A) & (E)		(b)(7)(A) & (E)			
(b)(7)(A) & (E)		(b)(7)(A) & (E)		(b)(7)(A) & (E)			
(b)(7)(A) & (E)		(b)(7)(A) & (E)		(b)(7)(A) & (E)			
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(b)(7)(A) & (E)		(b)(7)(A) & (E)		(b)(7)(A) & (E)			
Occupants (b)(7)(A) & (E)							
Operation Objectives							
1) (b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)							
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**Suspect Information** (Complete one for each suspect - additional Suspect Information forms are located at the end of this report) **HOGRA 0 - 391**

Suspect's Name S1	Date of Birth	Race	Sex
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Aliases

Description/Characteristics (Height, Weight, Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Language proficiency, etc.)

Home Address and Telephone Number	Work Address and Telephone Number (b)(7)(A) & (E)
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Other Addresses Used

Suspect(s) Known To Be Armed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Photograph Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Criminal History (Arrests and Convictions)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Felony Arrests	<input type="checkbox"/> Felony Convictions	<input type="checkbox"/> History of Violence	<input type="checkbox"/> FBI Number

Describe:

Additional Information			
Mental Illness	Substance Abuse	Specialized Training	Other
(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
Gang Affiliation	Anti-government	Other	
(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	

Suspect Vehicles						
Year	Make	Model	Color	License (State)	Other	
(b)(7)(A) & (E)						

Undercover/Informant Information				
Name	Electronic Equipment	Radio Frequency	Vehicle Description	Description/Clothing
(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Bust Signals			
Primary (Audible)	Secondary (Visual)	Trouble/Rip Off (Audible)	Trouble/Rip Off (Visual)
(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Pager Signal (Emergency)	Pager Signal (Wire not working)	Pager Signal (Nonemergency - leave now)
(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)

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The on-scene commander can alter the operation within the parameters of officer safety and risk management.

Personnel and Assignments

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Name	Radio Frequency	Pager or Cell Phone	Vehicle Call Sign	Assignment (Primary/Secondary)	Specialized Equipment
Name of Onscene Commander (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
1. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
2. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
3. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
4. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
5. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
6. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
7. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
8. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
9. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
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General:

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Specific:

(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

Purchases:

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Rin-Off:

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Compromise:

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Additional Suspects:

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Barricaded Suspect/Hostage Situation:

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Team Takes Fire/Agent Down:

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Explosives:

(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

THIS OPERATIONAL PLAN IS A GUIDELINE THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES AND/OR SUSPECT(S) OR SUBJECT(S) DICTATE THAT THE TEAM ALTER THE PLAN IN A SAFER MANNER. THIS DECISION WILL BE MADE DURING THE OPERATION AND WILL BE BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE TIME. USE ATTACHMENTS AS NECESSARY.

Telephone Numbers

Police Department Local Number	RAC/G.S. (Cellular phone)	Case Agent
911	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (C)

Emergency Information

Nearest Hospital/Trauma Center	Address	Emergency Room Telephone Number(s)
(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	911
		Life Flight Telephone Number(s)
		911

Command Post

Location	Telephone Number	Radio Frequency	Coordinator

(b)(7)(A) & (E) Area Map/Diagram of Location Attached	(b)(7)(A) & (E) ATF Firearms/Use of Force Policy Attached	(b)(7)(A) & (E) Intel Group Contacted
(b)(7)(A) & (E) ATF Pursuit Policy Attached	(b)(7)(A) & (E) DTA Contacted	

Plan Prepared By	Date
Plan Approved By	Date

General Principles

- I. Law enforcement officers of the Department of Justice may use deadly force only when necessary, that is, when the officer has a reasonable belief that the subject of such force poses an imminent danger of death or serious physical injury to the officer or to another person.
  - A. Deadly force may not be used solely to prevent the escape of a fleeing suspect.
  - B. Firearms may not be fired solely to disable moving vehicles.
  - C. If feasible and if to do so would not increase the danger to the officer or others, a verbal warning to submit to the authority of the officer shall be given prior to the use of deadly force.
  - D. Warning shots are not permitted outside of the prison context.
  - E. Officers will be trained in alternative methods and tactics for handling resisting subjects which must be used when the use of deadly force is not authorized by this policy.

Emergency Driving and Pursuit Driving Policy

Except under extraordinary circumstances, HIGH SPEED PURSUITS are expressly prohibited. Circumstances that may necessitate a high-speed pursuit or emergency response may include, but are not limited to, the threat of serious bodily injury or death to an agent or other party.

The following factors should be considered before driving at high speed or engaging in maneuvers that place anyone at risk of death or injury.

1. Severity of the offense or emergency
2. Probability of apprehending the violator (s) at a later time.
3. Weather and road conditions.
4. Availability of emergency equipment.

If the potential outweighs the benefits, the pursuit or response will not be initiated or will be terminated.

The use of roadblocks or ramming to stop a vehicle is a seizure under the fourth amendment, and must also be considered the potential use of deadly force, and therefore, should only be attempted when the use of such force is justified.

In any type of driving, agents must have the utmost regard and respect for the safety of others.

Title of Investigation: S1	Investigation Number: 0020	Report Number: 8
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**SUMMARY OF EVENT:**

(b)(7)(A) & (E) On June 1, 2010, ATF Special Agent (b) (7)(C) additional ATF Special Agents (b)(7)(A) & (E) to this investigation.

**NARRATIVE:**

1. On June 1, 2010, ATF Special Agent (b) (7)(C) along with additional ATF Special Agents (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) and (b) (7)(C) (b)(7)(A) & (E) (b)(7)(A) & (C) S1
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5. (b)(7)(A) & (E) S1 (b)(7)(A) & (E)

Prepared by: (b) (7)(C)	Title: Special Agent, Phoenix GRIT Satellite Office	Signature:	Date:
Authorized by: (b) (7)(C)	Title: Group Supervisor, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Second level reviewer (optional): William D. Newell	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division	Signature:	Date:

# ATF Operational Plan

Case Number (b)(7)(A)	Field Office/Group Phoenix Field Division Group VII	Case Agent ATF S/A (b)(7)(C)	
Briefing Date and Time (b)(7)(A) & (E)	Operation Date and Time (b)(7)(A) & (E)	Staging Area Date and Time (b)(7)(A) & (E)	Staging Area Location (b)(7)(A) & (E)
<b>Type of Operation</b>			
(b)(7)(A) & (E) Vehicle Stop	(b)(7)(A) & (E) Arrest Warrant	(b)(7)(A) & (E) Other	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
(b)(7)(A) & (E) U/C Operation	(b)(7)(A) & (E) Search Warrant		
<b>Target Location/Assessment</b>			Telephone Number
Address (b)(7)(A) & (E)			
<b>Description and GPS Coordinates (if applicable)</b>			
(b)(7)(A) & (E)			
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<b>Occupants</b> (b)(7)(A) & (E)			
<b>Operation Objectives</b>			
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Suspect's Name: S1  
 Date of Birth: [Redacted]  
 Race: [Redacted]  
 Sex: [Redacted]

Aliases: [Redacted]

Description/Characteristics (Height, Weight, Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Language proficiency, etc.): [Redacted]

Home Address and Telephone Number: [Redacted]  
 Work Address and Telephone Number: (b)(7)(A) & (E)

Other Addresses Used: [Redacted]

Suspect(s) Known To Be Armed: Yes [Redacted] No [Redacted]  
 Photograph Attached: Yes [Redacted] No [Redacted]

Criminal History (Arrests and Convictions):  
 Felony Arrests: [Redacted] Felony Convictions: [Redacted] History of Violence: [Redacted] FBI Number: [Redacted]

Describe: [Redacted]

Additional Information:  
 Mental Illness: (b)(7)(A) & (E) Substance Abuse: (b)(7)(A) & (E) Specialized Training: (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
 Gang Affiliation: (b)(7)(A) & (E) Anti-government: (b)(7)(A) & (E) Other: (b)(7)(A) & (E)

Suspect Vehicles					
Year	Make	Model	Color	License (State)	Other
(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[Redacted]	

Undercover/Informant Information				
Name	Electronic Equipment	Radio Frequency	Vehicle Description	Description/Clothing
(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Bust Signals			
Primary (Audible)	Secondary (Visual)	Trouble/Rip Off (Audible)	Trouble/Rip Off (Visual)
(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Pager Signal (Emergency): (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
 Pager Signal (Wire not working): (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
 Pager Signal (Nonemergency - leave now): (b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

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The on scene commander can alter the operation within the parameters of officer safety and risk management.

Personnel and Assignments

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Name	Radio Frequency	Pager or Cell Phone	Vehicle Call Sign	Assignment (Primary/Secondary)	Specialized Equipment
Name of Onscene Commander (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
1. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
2. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
3. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
4. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
5. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
6. (b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	[REDACTED]	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)
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General:

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Specific:

(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

Purchases:

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Rip-Off:

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Compromise:

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Additional Suspects:

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Barricaded Suspect/Hostage Situation:

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Team Takes Fire/Agent Down:

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

Explosives:

(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

THIS OPERATIONAL PLAN IS A GUIDELINE THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES AND/OR SUSPECT(S) OR SUBJECT(S) DICTATE THAT THE TEAM ALTER THE PLAN IN A SAFER MANNER. THIS DECISION WILL BE MADE DURING THE OPERATION AND WILL BE BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THE TIME. USE ATTACHMENTS AS NECESSARY.

Telephone Numbers

Police Department Local Number	RAC/G.S. (Cellular phone)	Case Agent
911	(b)(7)(A) & (C)	(b)(7)(A) & (C)

Emergency Information

Nearest Hospital/Trauma Center	Address	Emergency Room Telephone Number(s)
(b)(7)(A) & (E)	(b)(7)(A) & (E)	911
		Life Flight Telephone Number(s)
		911

Command Post

Location	Telephone Number	Radio Frequency	Coordinator

(b)(7)(A) & (E) Area Map/Diagram of Location Attached	(b)(7)(A) & (E) TF Firearms/Use of Force Policy Attached	(b)(7)(A) & (E) Intel Group Contacted
(b)(7)(A) & (E) ATF Pursuit Policy Attached	(b)(7)(A) & (E) DTA Contacted	

Plan Prepared By	Date
Plan Approved By	Date

General Principles

1. Law enforcement officers of the Department of Justice may use deadly force only when necessary, that is, when the officer has a reasonable belief that the subject of such force poses an imminent danger of death or serious physical injury to the officer or to another person.
  - A. Deadly force may not be used solely to prevent the escape of a fleeing suspect.
  - B. Firearms may not be fired solely to disable moving vehicles.
  - C. If feasible and if to do so would not increase the danger to the officer or others, a verbal warning to submit to the authority of the officer shall be given prior to the use of deadly force.
  - D. Warning shots are not permitted outside of the prison context.
  - E. Officers will be trained in alternative methods and tactics for handling resisting subjects which must be used when the use of deadly force is not authorized by this policy.

Emergency Driving and Pursuit Driving Policy

Except under extraordinary circumstances, HIGH SPEED PURSUITS are expressly prohibited. Circumstances that may necessitate a high-speed pursuit or emergency response may include, but are not limited to, the threat of serious bodily injury or death to an agent or other party.

The following factors should be considered before driving at high speed or engaging in maneuvers that place anyone at risk of death or injury.

1. Severity of the offense or emergency
2. Probability of apprehending the violator (s) at a later time.
3. Weather and road conditions.
4. Availability of emergency equipment.

If the potential outweighs the benefits, the pursuit or response will not be initiated or will be terminated.

The use of roadblocks or ramming to stop a vehicle is a seizure under the fourth amendment, and must also be considered the potential use of deadly force, and therefore, should only be attempted when the use of such force is justified.

In any type of driving, agents must have the utmost regard and respect for the safety of others.

Title of Investigation: S1	Investigation Number: (b) (7)(A)	Report Number: 9
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**SUMMARY OF EVENT:**

(b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C) S1 on  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)

**NARRATIVE:**

1. (b)(7)(A) & (C) (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C) S1 (b) (7)(A)
2. (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A)
3. (b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C)

**ATTACHMENT:**

A. ATF Property Status Summary Report for ATF Item 002.

Prepared by: (b) (7)(C)	Title: Special Agent, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Authorized by: (b) (7)(C)	Title: Group Supervisor, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Second level reviewer (optional): William D. Newell	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division	Signature:	Date:

Title of Investigation: S1	Investigation Number: (b)(7)(A)	Report Number: 10
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**SUMMARY OF EVENT:**

On August 31, 2010, ATF (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b)(7)(A)

**NARRATIVE:**

1. (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
S1 (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
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(b)(7)(A) & (C)  
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**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.

Prepared by: (b)(7)(C)	Title: Special Agent, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Authorized by: (b)(7)(C)	Title: Group Supervisor, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Second level reviewer (optional): William D. Newell	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division	Signature:	Date:



Title of Investigation: S1 [REDACTED]	Investigation Number: [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)	Report Number: 11
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**SUMMARY OF EVENT:**

(b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b) (7)(A) S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)

**NARRATIVE:**

1. (b) (7)(A) S1 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C)

(b)(5) & (7(A))

2. (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b)(7)(A) S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C) S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)  
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(b)(7)(A) & (C)

3. S1 [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b) (7)(A) [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)  
S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)

4. (b) (7)(A) S1 [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C)

Prepared by: (b) (7)(C)	Title: Special Agent, Phoenix IV (Intel) Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Authorized by: (b) (7)(C)	Title: Group Supervisor, Phoenix VII Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Second level reviewer (optional): William D. Newell	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division	Signature:	Date:

(b) (7)(A) S1

(b) (7)(A) S1

(b) (7)(A)

Pending property dispositions - Case CLOSED.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

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EVIDENCE IDENTIFICATION LABEL

CASE NUMBER [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)	ACTION SEIZED FOR EVIDENCE	CUST DATE 6/1/2010	EXH # 000001
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

CURRENCY: NONE, \$2,500.00 IN CASH CONVERTED TO BOA CASHIER'S CHECK NO. 00853111.

LOCATION RECOVERED FROM [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A) AZ 85012-	PERSON RECOVERED FROM S1 [REDACTED]
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CHAIN OF CUSTODY

SIGNATURE	DATE
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BAR CODE INFORMATION



1195372

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/REMARKS

EVIDENCE IDENTIFICATION LABEL

CASE NUMBER [REDACTED]	ACTION SEIZED FOR EVIDENCE	CUST DATE 9/8/2010	EXH # 000002
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY  
 OTHER: ONE TOK COMPACT DISC CONTAINING (b) (7)(A)  
 (b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A) CD LABELED ITEM 002.

LOCATION RECOVERED FROM (b) (7)(A)	PERSON RECOVERED FROM S1 [REDACTED]
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CHAIN OF CUSTODY	
SIGNATURE	DATE
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BAR CODE INFORMATION



1232046

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/REMARKS

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EVIDENCE IDENTIFICATION LABEL

CASE NUMBER [REDACTED]	ACTION ELECTRONIC INTERCEPT	CUST DATE 5/8/2010	EXH # E-00001
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY  
(b) (7)(A)  
BETWEEN (P) (U) (C) [REDACTED] (P) (U) (C) [REDACTED]

LOCATION RECOVERED FROM Home Address of: S2 [REDACTED]	PERSON RECOVERED FROM S1 [REDACTED]
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CHAIN OF CUSTODY

SIGNATURE	DATE
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BAR CODE INFORMATION



1189483

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/REMARKS

EVIDENCE IDENTIFICATION LABEL

CASE NUMBER [REDACTED]	ACTION ELECTRONIC INTERCEPT	CUST DATE 5/20/2010	EXH # E-0000
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY  
(b) (7)(A) [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A) [REDACTED]

LOCATION RECOVERED FROM Home Address of S2 [REDACTED]	PERSON RECOVERED FROM S1 [REDACTED]
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CHAIN OF CUSTODY

SIGNATURE	DATE
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BAR CODE INFORMATION



1190429

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/REMARKS

EVIDENCE IDENTIFICATION LABEL

CASE NUMBER [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)	ACTION ELECTRONIC INTERCEPT	CUST DATE 5/20/2010	EXH.# E-0000
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY  
 (b) (7)(A) [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A) ON (b) (7)(A)

LOCATION RECOVERED FROM Home Address of S2 [REDACTED]	PERSON RECOVERED FROM S1 [REDACTED]
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CHAIN OF CUSTODY

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BAR CODE INFORMATION



1190431

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/REMARKS

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EVIDENCE IDENTIFICATION LABEL

CASE NUMBER [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)	ACTION ELECTRONIC INTERCEPT	CUST DATE 5/23/2010	EXH # E-0000
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY  
[REDACTED] (b) (7)(A) [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)

LOCATION RECOVERED FROM [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)	PERSON RECOVERED FROM S1 [REDACTED]
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CHAIN OF CUSTODY

SIGNATURE	DATE
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BAR CODE INFORMATION



1190792

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/REMARKS



EVIDENCE IDENTIFICATION LABEL

CASE NUMBER (b) (7)(A)	ACTION ELECTRONIC INTERCEPT	CUST DATE 6/1/2010	EXH # E-0000
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY  
(b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A)

LOCATION RECOVERED FROM (b) (7)(A)	PERSON RECOVERED FROM S1
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CHAIN OF CUSTODY

SIGNATURE	DATE
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BAR CODE INFORMATION




1195370

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/REMARKS  
(b) (7)(A)

To: (b) (7)(C) Phoenix VII Field Office	Investigation Number: [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)	Date: 06/08/2010
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Property Description

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Item Number	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	000001	CURRENCY (NF4 Only): NONE. \$2,500.00 IN CASH CONVERTED TO BOA CASHIER'S CHECK NO: 008553111.   1195372      Location: IN AGENT POSSESSION

Storage costs for this property from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ will be paid by The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The recipient of the property will be responsible for all storage charges incurred by the property after \_\_\_\_\_. Please furnish this office with the original and 3 copies of this form upon execution of same, and furnish one copy to the property recipient.

Signature: (b) (7)(C) Phoenix VII Field Office	Title: Group Supervisor
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Release

I hereby certify that on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, I released this property as shown below.

Signature	Title	Firm Represented (if any)
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Receipt

I hereby acknowledge receipt of this property on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_ from, (Name of releasing firm or government agency):

Signature	Title	Person, Firm or Governmental Agency Represented
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Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 11:30 AM  
To: Martin, Steve K.  
Subject: Re: Phoenix F/As Traff case

I'm meeting with the USA on Monday to brief him on this and several other high-profile cases we got going right now. I need some "visuals". McMahon said your guys put together a time-line chart that would be good to use in my briefing of the USA.

Bill Newell  
Special Agent in Charge  
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)  
Cell: (b) (7)(C)

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----- Original Message -----  
From: Martin, Steve K.  
To: Newell, William D.; Chait, Mark R.  
Sent: Wed Dec 16 20:57:57 2009  
Subject: Re: Phoenix F/As Traff case

Outstanding! If there is anything we can do--ANYTHING to help just throw it our way.  
Good luck  
Steve  
Steve Martin-DAD-OSII/ATF

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----- Original Message -----  
From: Newell, William D,  
To: Martin, Steve K.; Chait, Mark R.  
Sent: Wed Dec 16 20:47:42 2009  
Subject: Phoenix F/As Traff case

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b)(7)(A) & (E) Will keep u posted.

Our OCDEF proposal is being fast-tracked, USAO fully on board as are DEA and ICE. It's an ATF Strike Force case, Phoenix Grp 7.  
Bill Newell  
Special Agent in Charge  
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)  
Cell: (b)(7)(A) & (E)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 12:28 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FYI

I'm not sure that I would describe a comment, buried deep within an article, as information that should be characterized as "need to know." I'm also not sure that it was knowingly included on our home page. Regardless, I am unable to recall anything that would contribute to this conversation. In short, continued exchange of this dialogue is Hopeless.....

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 10:22 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FYI

I just thought it was interesting reading, posted on our homepage. It must be info that HQ wants us to know or why else would they authorize it to be posted on the intranet? Didn't mean to scare you ladies or anything.

(b) (7)(C) / Special Agent  
Phoenix, AZ  
24hr: (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 10:19 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FYI

I'm still trying to recall what, if anything, I have to do with any of this....?

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 10:15 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FYI

That's what I'm saying....

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 11:12 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FYI

Does anybody on this e-mail chain know who (b) (7)(C) is, does he or she exist? And everybody knows that AR and AK do not have legs (thus non living entities), so how can they walk anywhere?

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)  
Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (7)(C) Office  
(b) (7)(C) - Nextel

(b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 9:27 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FYI

LOL!!! ☺

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 9:26 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FYI

It's merely pointing out an interesting story that was posted on our Bureau's Homepage.

(b) (7)(C) Special Agent  
Phoenix, AZ  
24hr: (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 9:23 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FYI

I'm not sure why I received this e-mail. "I have no recollection of....."

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 9:12 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FYI

Both fingers in my ears...LA LA LA LA LA LA.....who are you, why did you email me???? Do I know you people????

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 10:06 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FYI

In case you missed it from the intranet homepage, "ATF in the News" - "News Clips 01/04/11":

"Coming next will be more info on what the agents refer to as the Phoenix ATF office "walking across" ARs and AKs to pad their statistics and especially the one that may have killed the BP agent."

(b) (7)(C) Special Agent  
Phoenix, AZ  
24hr: (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 11:57 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: FYI

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 9:06 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FYI

In case you missed it from the intranet homepage, "ATF in the News" -- "News Clips 01/04/11":

"Coming next will be more info on what the agents refer to as the Phoenix ATF office "walking across" ARs and AKs to pad their statistics and especially the one that may have killed the BP agent."

(b) (7)(C) Special Agent  
Phoenix, AZ  
24hr: (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C)

U.S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Report of Investigation

(b) (7)(C)	Investigation Number: 785116-10-0004	Report Number: 485
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SUMMARY OF EVENT:

(b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b) (7)(A)

NARRATIVE:

1. (b)(5) & (7(A))

2. (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C)

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(b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b) (7)(A)  
(b)(7)(A) & (C)

4. (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b) (7)(A)

(b) (7)(C)	Title: Group Supervisor, Phoenix VII Field Office	(b) (7)(C)	Date: 4-6-11
(b) (7)(C)	Title: Group Supervisor, Phoenix VII Field Office	(b) (7)(C)	Date: 4-6-11
Second level reviewer (optional): William D. Newel	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Phoenix Field Division	Signature:	Date:



Title of Investigation: (b) (7)(C)	Investigation Number: 7B5115-10-0004	Report Number: 485
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(b)(7)(A) & (C)  
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(b)(7)(A) & (C)  
(b) (7)(A)



(b) (7)(C)  
Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (7)(C) Office  
(b) (7)(C) Naxial  
Email: (b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 2:09 PM  
To: Phoe-Group I; Phoe-Group II; Phoe-Group V; Phoe-Group VII; Phoe-Flagstaff; Phoe-Yuma  
Subject: Shotgun update

Afternoon everyone,

Recently, (b) (7)(C) have redistributed the first batch of updated shotguns. We are in the process of collecting the rest of the shotguns to be updated. So far, these are the totals from the groups that we have collected. The 1<sup>st</sup> batch have been updated and redistributed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> batch are going to be taken up to (b) (7)(C) either tomorrow or early next week. Hopefully this should cover all of the shotguns in the Phoenix groups.

GROUP	1 <sup>ST</sup> BATCH	2 <sup>ND</sup> BATCH
Group I	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)
Group II	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)
Group V	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)
Group VII	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)

Please check within your respective groups to make sure that all of the shotguns have been accounted for and updated. The update process is open for 8 weeks, however (b) (7)(C) would like to have all of the shotguns finished well before the holidays. For our folks in Yuma and Flagstaff, let (b) (7)(C) know how many shotguns you have and we will make arrangements to get them updated. The turn-around time for the update has been about 5 days, although next week may be slightly longer due to the holiday. Give (b) (7)(C) a call if you have any questions.

Have a good one

(b) (7)(C)  
ATF - Phoenix V  
Direct: (b) (7)(C)  
Fax: (602) 776 5549  
Cell: (b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 18, 2010 4:37 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**CC:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Shotgun update

Why would we need shotguns, or any other long gun for that matter, if we watch 100s of firearms walk from Cabela's – GET IT STRAIGHT ROOKIE, ITS NOT CABELA'S (b) (7)(A) Now get back to work and force somebody (other than me, by boring me to death) to commit suicide.

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C)  
Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (7)(C) - Office  
(b) (7)(C) Nextel  
Email: (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 18, 2010 2:28 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Shotgun update

You all might as well go to Cabela's, watch a couple other hundred guns walk, and buy those marshmallow guns because that is about all you are going to have when I get done hawking parts off of your shotguns!

PS, if that is (b) (7)(C) tell her that (b) (7)(C) has her shotgun in her cubicle

(b) (7)(C)  
ATF - Phoenix V  
Direct (b) (7)(C)  
Fax (602) 776 5549  
Cell (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 18, 2010 2:22 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Shotgun update

Listen here (b) (7)(C) you should not be sending out any e-mails until the moisture behind your ears dry. (b) (7)(C) says you should wait till you grow whiskers, and (b) (7)(C) says wait till your potty trained. I hope you are learning under the tutelage of (b) (7)(C) because it is apparent that you have no in depth knowledge of firearms, other than the business end. (b) (7)(C) had nothing to add...

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C)  
Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF

Phoenix Group VII  
 (b) (7)(C) Office  
 (b) (7)(C) Nextel  
 Email: (b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 18, 2010 2:09 PM  
**To:** Phoe-Group I; Phoe-Group II; Phoe-Group V; Phoe-Group VII; Phoe-Flagstaff; Phoe-Yuma  
**Subject:** Shotgun update

Afternoon everyone,

Recently (b) (7)(C) have redistributed the first batch of updated shotguns. We are in the process of collecting the rest of the shotguns to be updated. So far, these are the totals from the groups that we have collected. The 1<sup>st</sup> batch have been updated and redistributed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> batch are going to be taken up to (b) (7)(C) either tomorrow or early next week. Hopefully this should cover all of the shotguns in the Phoenix groups.

GROUP	1 <sup>ST</sup> BATCH	2 <sup>ND</sup> BATCH
Group I	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)
Group II	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)
Group V	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)
Group VII	(b) (7)(E)	(b) (7)(E)

Please check within your respective groups to make sure that all of the shotguns have been accounted for and updated. The update process is open for 8 weeks, however (b) (7)(C) would like to have all of the shotguns finished well before the holidays. For our folks in Yuma and Flagstaff, let (b) (7)(C) know how many shotguns you have and we will make arrangements to get them updated. The turn-around time for the update has been about 5 days, although next week may be slightly longer due to the holiday. Give (b) (7)(C) a call if you have any questions.

Have a good one

(b) (7)(C)  
 ATF - Phoenix V  
 Direct: (b) (7)(C)  
 Fax: (602) 776 5549  
 Cell: (b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 3:40 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED]

Perfect!!!! Devil's. Check

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 15:39:21 2011  
**Subject:** RE: [REDACTED]

BHHHAAAHHHHHHH – Another goat rope. It should be fun, I PROMISE that I will institute stereotypes from other parts of the country, especially Chicago!

Traffic stops on the 1<sup>st</sup> surveillance day – Check  
Contraband rips whenever they arise – Check  
Not letting guns walk – Check  
30 day or less up on the phones – Check, Check, and Check!

(b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C)  
Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (7)(C) Office  
(b) (7)(C) Nextel  
Email: (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 1:20 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

(b)(7)(A) & (C) [REDACTED]!!!! Who's running the case?

**Special Agent** (b) (7)(C)  
**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives**  
**Phoenix Group VII**  
(b) (7)(C) (Desk)  
(602) 605-6500 (Fax)  
(b) (7)(C) (Cell)

**From:** [redacted]  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE:

Well how did it turn out for you? Did you file a grievance or go through the employee relations branch? I am not expecting my evaluation to change via my meeting with the ASAC but rather to let his supervisor know what was going on. FYI - (b) (6)

(b) (6)  
though I had nothing to do with it other than agreeing with the content.

(b) (6)  
(b) (6)

Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (6) Office  
(b) (6) Nextel  
Email: (b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 10:50 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE:

Had the same thing happen to me from my previous boss. It's not a personality evaluation it's all about work performance and your productivity. Ask to go over your eval with the ASAC, point for point. (b) (5)

(b) (5)

(b) (5)  
(b) (5) Hope this helps. Good luck with that "lunkhead". Call me if you need any help.

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 12:42 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:**

(b) (6)

Got my evaluation back from (b) (6)  
(b) (6)  
(b) (6)

(b) (6)  
(b) (6)

Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (6) Office  
(b) (6) Nextel  
Email: (b) (6)

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, October 29, 2010 11:26 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: Hey  
**Attachments:** IntraWeb - Performance Appraisals.pdf

**Importance:** High

Here it is -- the IntraWeb is down now but I looked at it yesterday and saved the attachment (see/print above).

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 2:13 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Hey

From the home page, click "Top News" tab and then click page 3:

**Reminder: 2009 - 2010 Annual Performance Appraisals**

October 20, 2010

Attention all supervisors and managers:

The rating cycle of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010, has concluded. First level supervisors (also referred to as "Rating Officials") who are responsible for preparing the performance appraisals must **do so by October 31, 2010**. Be sure to include input from previous supervisor(s) if you were not the employee's supervisor for the entire appraisal period.

Too funny!

(b) (6) Special Agent  
Phoenix, AZ  
24hr: (b) (6)

(b) (6)  
(b) (6)



**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 5:32 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE:

Not so much....

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 4:30 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE:

I'm glad it worked out, maybe there is hope for me and (b) (6). And OCDETF has been a critical element since (b) (6) came to Group VII -- haven't they updated your critical elements in Texas yet?

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (6) Office  
(b) (6) - Nextel  
Email: (b) (6)

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 1:55 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE:

(b) (6) Since when has utilizing OCDETF been a critical element???

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 3:51 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE:

Well how did it turn out for you? Did you file a grievance or go through the employee relations branch? I am not expecting my evaluation to change via my meeting with the ASAC but rather to let his supervisor know what was going on. FYI - my evaluation was (b) (6)

(b) (6) I'll read it for you sometime - but the overall theme was my inability to get along with fellow group VII agent(s) and my underuse of OCDETF??? (I am the case agent on one OCDETF case and a co-case on another pending one). Unfortunately, I took a direct (b) (6) even though I had nothing to do with it other than agreeing with the content.

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (6) Office  
(b) (6) Nextel

Email: (b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 10:50 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE:

Had the same thing happen to me from my previous boss. It's not a personality evaluation it's all about work performance and your productivity. Ask to go over your eval with the ASAC, point for point. (b) (5)

(b) (5)

(b) (5)  
(b) (5) Hope this helps. Good luck with that "funkyhead". Call me if you need any help.

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2010 12:42 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:**

(b) (6)

Got my evaluation back from (b) (6)  
(b) (6) He cited personal reason not performance reason in his negative comments throughout the evaluation.

(b) (6)  
(b) (6)

Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII

(b) (6) - Office  
(b) (6) - Nextel

Email: (b) (6)

From: (b) (6)  
 Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2010 6:58 PM  
 To: (b) (6)  
 Subject: RE: ???

Not a all. Actually frickin AWESOME!!!!

From: (b) (6)  
 Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2010 12:26 PM  
 To: (b) (6)  
 Subject: ???

Was this too much?

(b) (6)

Although it is generally against my nature to elevate matters and I prefer to handle them on my own, the nature and scope of this obligates me to honor your (as the G/S of Group IV) right of first refusal. In brief:

When initially briefed of my new assignment (present also was G/S (b) (6) I was instructed to clear out my cases and concentrate solely on the duties of my new mission. Additionally, my understanding was (as insomuch stated to me or perhaps, even directly so) that I was not to carry an ATF case load. A status which I believe you to be under the same understanding of?

Soon thereafter, I was able to conclude, or otherwise handle (pending property issues), my active investigations with the exception of two (b) (7)(A)

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 3:30 pm, I sent the following email to Group VII G/S (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Almost have all of my case stuff cleaned up. Probably best to transfer this to (b) (6) (he was in it from the genesis and is co-case) so he can conduct the final interview on [REDACTED]. He and I are confident that nothing much to gain, but should be done before closed – just in case.

785115 (b) (7)(A) [REDACTED]

and (this same day) noted the case's management log as follows:

"Due to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) pending transfer out of Group VII, effective 10/01/10, S/A (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) request that case be reassigned to co-case agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Having heard nothing back from G/S (b) (6) on this matter, written nor verbal, and his choosing to neither voice or, in anyway otherwise notify me of his objection to this request, I assumed the case would be transferred accordingly. However, upon conducting some case management in NFORCE yesterday, I recognized it as still being assigned to me and observed the following management log entry:

"10/04/2010 - GS (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] is transferred to Intel Group. As such this case will still be assigned to SA (b) (7)(C) until completed and closed. It will be managed under intel moving forward."

That being said, I yield to your discretion. However, if finding myself in your favor and it be allowed that I handle this matter, my immediate actions are these:

1. To send the following correspondence to G/S (b) (7)(C)

"To: G/S (b) (7)(C)

Cc: Management Log / File Number: 785115 (b) (7)(A)

Sir,

Absent any viable reasoning to the contrary or circumstances that I am unaware of, it is my continued belief that it is best for this case to be transferred to co-case S/A (b) (7)(C) (or secondly, another member of Group VII). Again, I respectfully request that said case be transferred.

S/A (b) (7)(C)

2. Place the following entry in the management log:

"11/04/2010 – S/A (b) (7)(C) while not understanding the decision of G/S (b) (7)(C) again request that this case be transferred to co-case S/A (b) (7)(C) or, alternatively, another member of Group VII. ATF Phoenix – Group VII, owing its conception and genesis entirely to the Southwest Border initiative and existing/operating solely to fulfill the mission (as authored by G/S (b) (7)(C) himself) of "Southwest Border "Gunrunner" investigations, which are those that involve trafficking of firearms to Mexico in an effort to stem the growing violence and associated criminal activity perpetrated by the Mexican drug cartels, along the Southwest Border.", is best suited to further this case to its ultimate conclusion; whatever that may be. This case ( (b) (7)(A) & (C)

Border Gunrunner investigations, and others like it are precisely the reason to which Group VII owes its very existence and it clearly falls under their purview. Group VII, whose purpose and mission is so narrow in focus – so utterly finite is its singularity that there is the creation of a true rarity – an absolute, is specifically charged with the investigation of cases such as this one. So much so, so important to echelons at the highest seats of U.S. Government, as to effect procedure not only throughout, but well beyond that of the Phoenix Field Division. G/S (b) (7)(C) failure/refusal to fulfill the mission of Group VII does a disservice to the men and woman under his charge, the Phoenix Field Division, and ATF as a whole. His actions and decisions (in this incident alone), insubordinate to every intent/purpose/order/directive behind the creation of Group VII - tantamount to nonfeasance, clearly display his inability to adhere to even the most basic of leadership model, emphasis an overall lack of judgment and character, and call into question his readiness to be at the helm of Group VII, or any other."

Thank you and I await your reply,

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C) Special Agent

Phoenix, AZ

24hr: (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 5:33 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: question


Well (b) (6) challenged anybody to prove what he said to be wrong. That is a pretty strong statement.

(b) (6)  
(b) (6)  
Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (6) - Office  
(b) (6) - Nextel  
Email (b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 3:30 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: question

Ok, there are lots of rumors, I wish there was a strong/truthful explanation, or this is going to drag out and be very bad.

(b) (6)  
(b) (6) - Office  
(b) (6) - Cell  


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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 3:24 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: question

Sorry, can't comment on that, but (b) (6) had some valid points.

(b) (6)  
(b) (6)  
Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (6) - Office  
(b) (6) - Nextel  
Email: (b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 3:23 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: question

So is what (b) (6) is saying true, I am hearing that Agent Terry was killed by a handgun and possibly friendly fire, and the firearms were not part of (b) (6) case.

(b) (6)

(b) (6) Office

(b) (6) Cell



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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 3:12 PM

**To:** (b) (6)

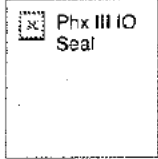
**Subject:** RE: question

This is not what it was like when we had Chris Sadowski as our SAC or even with Virginia O'Brien. There is too much self promotion here among other problems, I want to be an IOI again, I want out of Intel.

(b) (6)

(b) (6) Office

(b) (6) Cell



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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 3:06 PM

**To:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: question

Is it too late to be an IOI again? I thought that Chicago was bad...

(b) (6)

(b) (6)  
Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII

(b) (6) Office

(b) (6) Nextel

Email: (b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2011 2:15 PM

**To:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** question

How are thing in Group VII?

Interesting how one followed the other.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/03/03/eveningnews/main20039031.shtml>



# Official Statement

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## ATF TO REVIEW FIREARMS TRAFFICKING STRATEGY

WASHINGTON – The following statement is from Kenneth E. Meison, Acting Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives:

"The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) will ask a multi-disciplinary panel of law enforcement professionals to review the bureau's current firearms trafficking strategies employed by field division managers and special agents. This review will enable ATF to maximize its effectiveness when undertaking complex firearms trafficking investigations and prosecutions. It will support the goals of ATF to stem the illegal flow of firearms to Mexico and combat firearms trafficking in the United States."

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 2:11 PM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: HR Connect

Nice.

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 11:01 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** FW: HR Connect

(b) (6) my retort --  
(Please delete upon reading)

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII

(b) (6) Office

(b) (6) Nextel

Email: (b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:57 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: HR Connect

Copy. I would like to meet with you at your convenience on or before November 10, 2010. (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Thanks,

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII

(b) (6) Office

(b) (6) Nextel

Email: (b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 10:49 AM  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Subject:** RE: HR Connect

(b) (6)

10-4. (b) (6) We will have a meeting upon my return to Phoenix,



if it involves (b) (6)

Thanks!

(b) (6)

Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII

(b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 9:41 AM

**To:** (b) (6)

**Subject:** RE: HR Connect

I am sure you have seen by now I have (b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

(b) (6)

Senior Special Agent - Bureau of ATF  
Phoenix Group VII

(b) (6) Office

(b) (6) Nextel

Email: (b) (6)

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**From:** (b) (6)

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 8:54 AM

**To:** Phoe-Group VII; (b) (6)

**Subject:** HR Connect

To all;

By now I think your evaluations should be available for you to view and "acknowledge" in HR Connect. I would like to be able to discuss these with you upon my return from Washington DC. In the meantime please go into HR Connect and "acknowledge" your evaluation by COB, tomorrow, Thursday, October 28, 2010.

Thanks for all of your hard work this past year, it is truly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns please send me an e-mail as my phone is off during class.

(b) (6)

Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII

(b) (6)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2010 5:35 PM  
**To:** (b)(7)(A) & (C)  
**Subject:** RE: guns from "El Teo" Gunmen

Great (b)(7)(A) & (C) thanks of the heads up this helped more than you can know...

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2010 3:04 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: guns from "El Teo" Gunmen

Of the serial numbers listed below:

(b) (7)(C)  
 (b) (7)(C)  
 (b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2010 1:44 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** fw: guns from "El Teo" Gunmen

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2010 1:02 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** guns from "El Teo" Gunmen

(b) (7)(C) we just got back from viewing some guns that were taken last night from a group of gunmen tied to the "el teo" organization. Supposedly they were on their way to (b)(7)(A) & (C) when they were intercepted by the State Police (PEP). They were armed with five long guns and five handguns, vests etc .

From examination of the guns these look like the same type of weapons that are coming from Phoenix and that we have been seen in other cases tied to El Teo.

Below are the guns.

Four of the guns are Romania, Romarm GP WASR 10/63 UP AK- 47 type rifles, 7.62X39mm, all had been converted to fire full auto and were in good condition. The Importer, as in the others, is CAI, Georgia, VT. With the following serial numbers: (b) (7)(C)

One is an Alexander Arms LLC, US Army Radford Arsenal, BEOWULF .50 caliber rifle, made on a Rock River Arms LAR-15 receiver, Cleveland, Ill, serial number obliterated

Two are FN HERSTAL 5 7 semi-auto pistols, caliber 5.7mmX28mm, imported by FNH USA, Fredricksburg, VA one obliterated serial number the other (b) (7)(C)

One Ruger P94, 9mm pistol, serial (b) (7)(C) made in Southport, Conn, USA by Ruger

One EAA Witness, caliber .38 super, semi-auto pistol, serial number (b) (7)(C) made in Italy imported by EAA Cocoa, Fla

*One Smith and Wesson, Model 39-2, 9mm semi-auto pistol, serial number* [REDACTED]

(b) (7)(C)

ATF Senior Special Agent  
US Consulate General  
Tijuana, Mexico

(b) (7)(C) desk  
-cellular

**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 6:12 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**CC:** Newell, William D.; (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, [REDACTED]

(b) (7)(C)

Please call me any time after 10:00 AM tomorrow. We can discuss this.

Cell: (b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 12:52 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, [REDACTED]

(b) (7)(C) I appreciate the affidavit that you sent it had some information for us to further collect intelligence that we hope will be helpful in your prosecution. But I was asking was complete access to [REDACTED]. Also your surveillance logs or ROIs would also assist us. We would like to further exploit the intelligence information from these records. I will be back in the office tomorrow. Please call me in the morning. I will be briefing the AD's at 11:00am and would appreciate a call before then.

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 11:54 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, [REDACTED]

Any details...? - Thanks

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 6:22 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO.

**Case Agents:** (b) (7)(C)

The National Tracing Center (NTC) has received a Trace request for the above listed firearm. To prevent the NTC from releasing information that may jeopardize your investigation, please choose one of the following. It is extremely important that if your case is still active that you state whether or not we may conduct a Trace on this firearm.

A written response (email communication is sufficient) is required within 7 days of initial notification regarding this email. If a response is not received within this time frame the NTC may be compelled to release trace summary information to the requestor.

*All information regarding this and any other trace requests can be obtained by using eTrace. In the event that you do not have access, access can be requested by contacting the Law Enforcement Support Branch at 304-260-1500 or 800-788-7133.*

Please advise as to whether your case is:

- a) Active - NTC may release Trace disposition history to other Requestors for only this firearm.
- b) Active - NTC may release Trace disposition history to other Requestors. (This is to be applied to all remaining firearms in this Suspect Gun file)
- c) Active - NTC may not release Trace disposition history to other Requestors.
- d) Inactive - NTC will release Trace disposition to other Requestors.

**Suspect Gun Details:**

ATF IN Number: 785115-10-0004

Suspect Gun File Number: [REDACTED]

Suspect Gun submission request date: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)

**Trace details regarding firearm recovery:**

Serial Number: [REDACTED]  
 Serial Number: [REDACTED]  
 Manufacturer: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)  
 Type: [REDACTED]  
 Caliber: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)  
 Model: [REDACTED]  
 Recovered: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)  
 Location: [REDACTED]  
 Suspects: [REDACTED]

Trace Requestor: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)  
 Requesting Agency: [REDACTED]  
 Phone Number: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)

Trace Requestor: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117) [REDACTED]  
 Requesting Agency: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)  
 Phone Number: [REDACTED]

THIS US SOURCED FIREARM WAS RECOVERED IN MEXICO. FOR DETAILS RELATING TO THE SEIZURE, PLEASE CONTACT ATF-EPIC BRANCH CHIEF (b) (7)(C) VIA E-MAIL OR AT (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)  
 Program Analyst  
 ATF National Tracing Center  
 244 Needy Rd.  
 Martinsburg, WV 25405-9431  
 (b) (7)(C)  
 (800)788-7133 ex (b) (7)(C)  
 Fax: (800)578-7223

**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 5:46 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**CC:** Newell, William D.  
**Subject:** RE: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, [REDACTED]

I'll handle.

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 2:30 PM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Subject:** FW: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, [REDACTED]

George,

We just don't have the extra manpower to spend our man hours gathering and forwarding case information for HQ. We have a case to run. I don't have a solution but if they are serious maybe then they could send someone out here to accomplish this task? They made an issue out of us giving them case access in N-Force which we did so why would we have to give them surveillance ROIs they can pull them themselves?

Sorry for the rant - thanks,

(b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 12:52 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, [REDACTED]

(b) (7)(C) I appreciate the affidavit that you sent it had some information for us to further collect intelligence that we hope will be helpful in your prosecution. But I was asking was complete access to [REDACTED] Also your surveillance logs or ROIs would also assist us. We would like to further exploit the intelligence information from these records. I will be back in the office tomorrow. Please call me in the morning. I will be briefing the AD's at 11:00am and would appreciate a call before then.

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 11:54 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, [REDACTED]

Any details...? - Thanks

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 6:22 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** TWO Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO, [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO.

**Case Agents:** (b) (7)(C)

The National Tracing Center (NTC) has received a Trace request for the above listed firearm. To prevent the NTC from releasing information that may jeopardize your investigation, please choose one of the following. It is extremely important that if your case is still active that you state whether or not we may conduct a Trace on this firearm.

A written response (email communication is sufficient) is required within 7 days of initial notification regarding this email. If a response is not received within this time frame the NTC may be compelled to release trace summary information to the requestor.

All information regarding this and any other trace requests can be obtained by using eTrace. In the event that you do not have access, access can be requested by contacting the Law Enforcement Support Branch at 304-260-1500 or 800-788-7133.

Please advise us to whether your case is:

- a) Active - NTC may release Trace disposition history to other Requestors for only this firearm.
- b) Active - NTC may release Trace disposition history to other Requestors. (This is to be applied to all remaining firearms in this Suspect Gun file)
- c) Active - NTC may not release Trace disposition history to other Requestors.
- d) Inactive - NTC will release Trace disposition to other Requestors.

**Suspect Gun Details:**

ATF IN Number: **785115-10-0004**

Suspect Gun File Number: [REDACTED]

Suspect Gun submission request date: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)

**Trace details regarding firearm recovery:**

Serial Number: [REDACTED]  
 Serial Number: [REDACTED]  
 Manufacturer: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)  
 Type: [REDACTED]  
 Caliber: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)  
 Model: [REDACTED]  
 Recovered (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)  
 Location: [REDACTED]  
 Suspects: [REDACTED]

Trace Requestor: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)  
 Requesting Agency: [REDACTED]  
 Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Trace Requestor: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117) [REDACTED]  
 Requesting Agency: (b) (3) (Public Law 111-117)  
 Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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Fax: (800)578-7223



**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2009 3:03 PM  
**To:** Needles, James R.  
**Subject:** FW: AC request/approval

**Due By:** Tuesday, January 02, 1601 11:00 AM

(b) (7)(C)

For your consideration- It is an unusual request, but I believe a worthwhile one.

(b) (7)(C)

Group Supervisor  
Phoenix I Field Office

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 31, 2009 12:01 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** AC request/approval

GS (b) (7)(C) 7/31/09

This email is to formally request permission from the Phoenix Field Division for a large expenditure of AC funds for case number [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)  
(b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)  
(b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)  
(b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

- DEC Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A) [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)
- JAN [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)
- April [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)
- May (b)(7)(A) & (E) [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)
- May [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)
- June [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A) [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)
- June [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)
- July ATF seizes [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)

[REDACTED] has told UC [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(D)  
(b) (7)(A), (b) (7)(D)  
from [REDACTED] lately.

(b)(7)(A) & (E) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b) (7)(A)  
and [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b) (7)(A) [REDACTED] This [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
dollars. [REDACTED] (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A)

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(b) (7)(A)

(b) (7)(A)

(b) (7)(E)

Please call for additional case questions.

Thank you,

(b) (7)(C)

Yuma Satellite

From: (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Monday, November 09, 2009 2:51 PM

To: (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Case Update

IRS Referral -

[Redacted content]

ICE Referral -

[Redacted content]

(b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2009 4:47 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE:

Will do.

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2009 12:31 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE:

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2009 1:23 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE:

Lots.

We have had several recoveries in addition to the NACO seizure, one in Nogales, AZ, Douglas AZ and the Mexicali seizure on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Working on pens and at some point hope to get you guys some intel for ya at some point. Going to try and get IRS on board for additional prosecution avenues for our young straw purchasers, we'll wait and see. If you need anything let me know. Take Care!

(b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2009 12:16 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:**

(b) (7)(C)

Anything new on the case?

(b) (7)(C)  
Assistant Country Attache, Mexico City  
Office (b) (7)(C)  
Mexico cell (b) (7)(C)  
Nextel Direct (b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009 10:14 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: Your case 785110-10-0004

(b) (7)(C)

Thank you for this information. I have been trying to call around to various TEO etc to figure out a mechanism to

(b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E) I have reached out to (b) (7)(C) and left a voice mail message.

Thanks again for reaching out on this matter!

(b) (7)(C)

Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII

(b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009 7:08 AM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Your case 785110-10-0004

Mr. Gillett,

I wanted to pass along some information to you in the event that you may not have had the opportunity to consider it. As a support function, I wanted to let you know of the resources available to you through EPIC and their Operation HALO. Based upon the needs of your investigation and your specifications, HALO can construct

[REDACTED]

If you believe that this may be useful to you and your investigation, your ATF point of contact is Branch Chief (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

He can be reached at (b) (7)(C) His cell phone number is (b) (7)(C)

Again, this information is provided for you to use in whatever manner you deem appropriate.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

(b) (7)(C)

Branch Chief  
Field Intelligence Support Branch

(b) (7)(C) Desk

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2010 4:48 PM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Subject:** RE: CBP port contacts

I am at my desk at your disposal.

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**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2010 2:48 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Re: CBP port contacts

Shortly.

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 07 16:47:53 2010  
**Subject:** RE: CBP port contacts  
Coffee?

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**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2010 2:46 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Re: CBP port contacts

Let's discuss.

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 07 16:44:21 2010  
**Subject:** CBP port contacts  
George,

(b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A)  
(b) (7)(A) Unknown obviously how long these firearms will stay around Phoenix,  
(b) (7)(A)

Thanks,

(b) (7)(C)  
Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (7)(C)

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2010 5:38 PM  
**To:** Needles, James R.  
**Subject:** Meeting tomorrow  
**Attachments:** PROPOSED UNDERCOVER [REDACTED].docx

Jim,

Just for your reference here are some of SA (b) (7)(C) and my thoughts on this issue for discussion at tomorrow's meeting.

Thanks,

(b) (7)(C)  
Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII  
(b) (7)(C)

**PROPOSED UNDERCOVER**  
**FIREARMS TRAFFICKING OPERATION**

Regarding and in relation to: 785115. (b) (7)(A)

**SYNOPSIS OF INVESTIGATION:**

ATF Phoenix Group VII – Phoenix Strike Force has begun an investigation into the  
(b) (7)(A) (b) (7)(A)  
**(b)(7)(A) & (D)**  
(b)(7)(A) & (D) (b)(7)(A) & (D)  
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**(b) (7)(A)**  
(b)(7)(A) & (C)

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(b)(7)(A) & (C)

**INVESTIGATION OBJECTIVES:**

- (b) (7)(A)  
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- (b) (7)(A)
- (b) (7)(A)



- To continue ATF's legacy of being the Nation's answer (the "go-to" guys) for combating the most violent, well-armed criminal organizations that have, do, and may someday threaten the security of the United States.
- To continue ATF's strong history of forward thinking to develop new strategies, new dogma, and apply them to the numerous "outside the box" solutions that have made us so successful in our OMO, Criminal Militia, Extremist/Hate/Radical Groups, and Counter-Terrorism Investigations.
- To fulfill ATF's Mission Statement and further our efforts to "protect(s) our communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, the illegal use and trafficking of firearms".
- To adhere to and meet the goals and expectations of the Phoenix Group VII – Strike Force; specifically charged with being the President's, DOJ's and ATF's first and foremost answer to "Southwest Border "Gunrunner" investigations, which are those that involve trafficking of firearms to Mexico in an effort to stem the growing violence and associated criminal activity perpetrated by the Mexican drug cartels, along the Southwest Border. Group VII will be co-located at the OCDETF Strike Force which will combine investigative intelligence and the sharing of information in order to develop priority targets and **utilize proactive long-term, extensive investigative techniques to identify all the tentacles of a particular organization.**"

**SPECIFIC REQUEST:**

To allow this investigation to proceed by authorizing Phoenix Group VII – Strike Force

(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

(b)(7)(A) & (E) (b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E) (b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b)(7)(A) & (E) This request is not in violation of any ATF Policy/Directive and adherence to any and all relevant ATF Policy/Directive [specifically ATF 3310.4(b) 148(a)(2)] will be maintained at all times. (b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b)(7)(A) & (E) Furthermore, in falls squarely in the realm of acceptance afforded those investigations involving the infiltration of an OMO, Criminal Militia or Extremist/Hate/Radical Groups by an ATF undercover Agent. Lastly, the spirit of this request is to further represent ATF's position at the pinnacle of Federal Law Enforcement by again accepting the difficult missions and not shying away from the manner and means necessary to meet them.

**REASON FOR REQUEST:**

- (b)(7)(A) & (E) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
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(b)(7)(A) & (E) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A) & (E) [REDACTED] (b)(7)(A) & (E)

**IN CLOSING:**

It is believed that if this request be authorized, the benefits would far outweigh any that could be derived (b) (5) [REDACTED]

(b) (5)

(b) (5)

The dismantlement of entire FTO's is at the core of our duly charged mission and Phoenix – Group VII / Strike Force.

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 08, 2010 5:22 PM  
**To:** Needles, James R.  
**Subject:** Tuesday, June 8, 2010  
**Attachments:** Tuesday, June 8, 2010.docx

Jim,

Write up on the 3 cases you requested for the Deputy Director's visit. See you in 20 minutes.

(b) (7)(C)

785115-10-0020: ATF Phoenix Group VII - Phoenix Strike Force has begun an investigation into the

(b) (7)(A) [redacted] (b)(7)(A) & (D)

**(b)(7)(A) & (D)**

(b)(7)(A) & (D) [redacted] (b)(7)(A) & (D)

(b)(7)(A) & (D) [redacted] (b)(7)(A) & (D) [redacted] (b)(7)(A) & (D)

(b)(7)(A) & (D)

(b)(7)(A) & (C) [redacted] (b) (7)(A)

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**(b)(7)(A) & (C)**

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**(b)(7)(A) & (C)**

(b) (7)(A)

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[redacted] (b)(7)(A) & (C)

**(b) (7)(A)**

[redacted] (b) (7)(A)

(b) (7)(A) [redacted] (b)(7)(A) & (C)

(b)(7)(A) & (E) [redacted] (b)(7)(A) & (E)

(b) (7)(A) [redacted] (b) (7)(A)

785115-10-0004: ATF OCDETF investigation Operation Fast and Furious. To date (October 2009 - present) (b) (7)(A)

**(b) (7)(A)**

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(b) (7)(A)

To date ATF agents (b) (7)(A)

**(b) (7)(A)**

**(b) (7)(A)**

(b) (7)(A)

(b)(7)(A) & (E)

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[redacted]

[redacted] To date

**(b)(7)(A) & (C)**

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(b) (7)(A)

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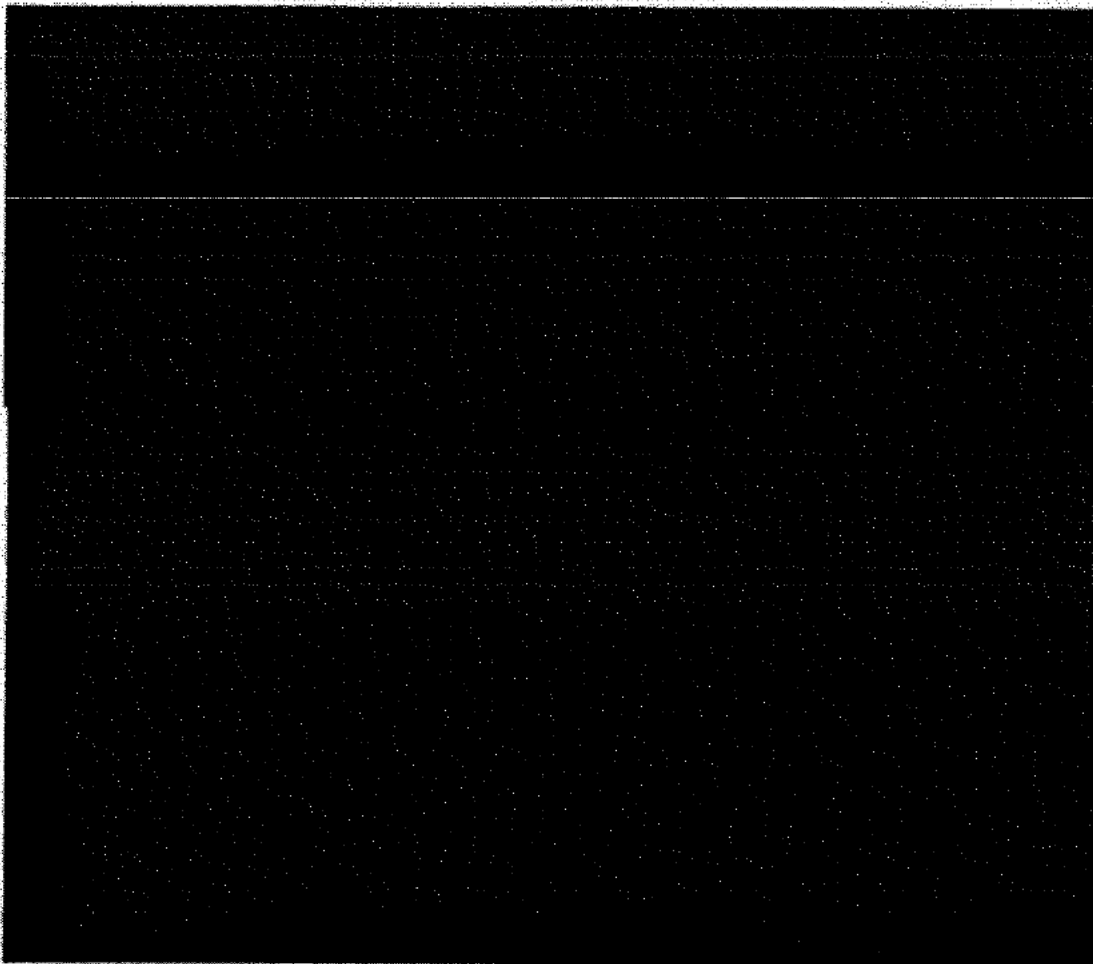
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(b) (7)(A)



From: (b) (7)(C)  
To: (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: FW: SIR

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(b) (7)(C)

Can we make the name in the memo. Thanks (b) (7)(C)

-----Original Message-----

From: Webb, J. Dewey  
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2006 8:22 AM  
To: (b) (7)(C)  
Cc: Carter, Donnie A.; Zammillo, James A., Sr.; O'Brien, Virginia T.; Carroll, Carson W.; Barrera, Hugo J.  
Subject: Fw: SIR

(b) (7)(C)

WE ARE GOOD TO GO ON THE PROJECT GUNRUNNER FOR THE SWB MEMO. WE CAN GO AHEAD AND LEAVE SWB AS THE NFORCE CODE, BUT MAKE SURE THE MEMO REFERS TO THE PROGRAM AS PROJECT GUNRUNNER.

THANKS  
J. DEWEY WEBB  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
ATF  
202-927-7980  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Bouchard, Michael R. (b) (7)(C)  
To: Webb, J. Dewey (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Fri Jun 02 20:50:25 2006  
Subject: Re: SIR

Tku- ran gunrunner name by edgar- good to go  
Michael R. Bouchard  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Webb, J. Dewey (b) (7)(C)  
To: Bouchard, Michael R. (b) (7)(C); Barrera, Hugo J. (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C); Carter, Donnie A. (b) (7)(C) Carter,  
Ronnie A. (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) Newell, William D.  
(b) (7)(C) Torres, John A (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Fri Jun 02 17:45:11 2006  
Subject: Fw: SIR

GOOD PROJECT GUNRUNNER CASE OUT OF DALLAS.

J. DEWEY WEBB  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
ATF  
202-927-7980  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Golson Sr., Michael A. (b) (7)(C)  
To: Webb, J. Dewey (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Fri Jun 02 17:34:03 2006  
Subject: FW: SIR

MICHAEL A. GOLSON SR.  
ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
DALLAS FIELD DIVISION  
OFFICE (b) (7)(C)  
CELL (b) (7)(C)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2006 4:46 PM  
To: Carter, Ronnie A.; Golson Sr., Michael A (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C)  
Subject: SIR

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES  
SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION REPORT

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DATE: June 02, 2006  
FROM: Dallas Field Division  
FIELD OFFICE: Dallas III (Firearms Trafficking) Field Office

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CASE INFORMATION

CASE NUMBER: [REDACTED]  
CASE TITLE: [REDACTED]  
SPECIAL AGENT: [REDACTED]  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

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SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

Arrest of foreign firearms traffickers of FN Herstal 5.7mm pistols (Southwest Border Initiative)

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NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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AUG 17 2009

MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Director  
(Field Operations)

FROM: Chief, Firearms Operations Division

SUBJECT: Southwest Border Supplemental – New Offices

This serves to provide information regarding recent analysis and management discussions surrounding the recommendation and selection of new Gunrunner Team locations, pursuant to the Administration's requested and congressionally approved Southwest Border Supplemental funding.

Firearms violence associated with drug trafficking and violent crime continues to erode the quality of life in many American communities. There is widespread traffic in firearms moving in or otherwise affecting interstate and international commerce. States and cities across the country seek effective programs to reduce or eliminate violent crime by stemming the flow of illegally trafficked firearms into their communities.

Mexican drug cartels pose a national security threat to Mexico and an organized crime threat to the United States. Violence associated with these cartels has dramatically increased in recent years, particularly along the U.S.-Mexico border. Drug-related murders in Mexico doubled from 2007 to 2008 and the decade ended with a record breaking 7,724 drug-related murders in 2009. Mexican drug traffickers and their enforcers are also engaging in other violent crimes, such as kidnappings and home invasions. While this violence is particularly evident in Mexico, the potential for it spreading to the United States is very real, as evidenced by related U.S.-based incidents in recent years.

Mexico's drug traffickers have aggressively turned to the United States as a source of firearms and routinely transport firearms from the United States into Mexico. The U.S.-Mexico border is

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the principal arrival zone for most illicit drugs smuggled into the United States, as well as the predominant staging area for the subsequent distribution of drugs throughout the country. Firearms are an integral part of these criminal enterprises. They are the "tools of the trade" that drug traffickers use against each other as well as against Mexican and American law enforcement officials and innocent civilians on both sides of the border.

Over the past several years, an increasing body of evidence demonstrates that the "southwest border" firearms trafficking issue is in fact a national issue -- not limited to the four states bordering Mexico. The small arms market for Mexican DTOs is international and mutable. The DTOs have proven their ability to develop and use alternate routes to deliver and receive contraband. Consequently, our goal is to cut off the flow of firearms to the DTOs, regardless of their geographic source, deny them a critical tool, and impede their ability to operate in the United States and in Mexico. The strategy embodied in this request is to attack all elements of the supply chain from source point to acquisition by the DTO rather than focusing primarily on interdiction at the U.S.-Mexico boundary. This request focuses on shutting off the sources of firearms to violent offenders, gang members and Mexican DTOs across the United States.

In June 2009, the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) released the *National Southwest Border Counternarcotics Strategy*. The strategy complements the Administration's recently announced increases in border security resources; the Department of Homeland Security's operations plan for border related contingencies; our cooperation with Mexico through the Merida Initiative; and our national effort to reduce the demand for illegal drugs at home. The strategy acknowledges the close link between drug trafficking and firearms trafficking, and the increasing powerful nature and sophistication of the weapons acquired and used by Mexican drug trafficking organizations. Chapter 7 of the strategy is devoted to weapons and reflects significant reliance on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF's) investigative responsibilities and enforcement programs. The strategy includes the goals of improving intelligence and information sharing related to firearms trafficking, increasing interdiction of firearms illegally destined for Mexico, enhancing cooperation with our international partners, strengthening domestic coordination on firearms investigations, and increasing the likelihood and success of federal prosecution of firearms trafficking cases.

In January 2010, the Department of Justice reemphasized its commitment to combating firearms trafficking to Mexican cartels and the use of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) program as a means of disrupting the cartels. The OCDETF strategy is premised on the notion that a significant share of the violence, drug trafficking and corruption along the southwest border is perpetrated by a relatively small number of hierarchical criminal

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organizations. The DOJ strategy concludes that "the most effective mechanism to attack those organizations is the use of intelligence-based, prosecutor-led multi-agency task forces that attack all levels of, and all criminal activities of, the operations of the organizations." A significant component of the DOJ strategy pertains to attacking the southbound flow of firearms. The strategy states that "given the national scope of this issue, merely seizing firearms through interdiction will not stop firearms trafficking to Mexico. We must identify, investigate, and eliminate the sources of illegally trafficked firearms and the networks that transport them." The DOJ strategy calls for closer collaboration between ATF and the efforts of multi-agency drug task forces along the border, including OCDETF strike forces. ATF's goals may be achieved more easily through closer coordination with DEA, ICE and other federal agencies, including operations away from the border areas designed to identify and impact Mexican DTO's domestic operations. A key area is the identification of U.S. firearms seizures connected to these DTOs, whether being used in domestic operations or intended for trafficking to Mexico.

ATF has a long history of successfully combating firearms-related violent crime. Key to this success has been our ability to effectively regulate the firearms industry and to identify and investigate the illegal diversion of firearms from lawful commerce. Perhaps at no time in our history has the investigation of firearms trafficking schemes and networks been more important to public safety, and increasingly to our national security, than now.

Since 2006, Project Gunrunner has been ATF's comprehensive strategy to combat firearms-related violence by the cartels along the southwest border. The strategy aims to reduce firearms- and explosives-related violent crime associated with Mexican drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) operating in Mexico and along the U.S.-Mexico border by preventing these organizations from acquiring and trafficking firearms and explosives. ATF accomplishes this goal through an integrated approach that makes use of its unique jurisdiction and capabilities, and by working collaboratively with a variety of domestic and international partners. Initially implemented in our four primary southwest border field divisions, Project Gunrunner has evolved into a national strategy as we have witnessed Mexican cartels reach further into the interior of the United States to acquire firearms in support of their lucrative drug trafficking operations. We have increased our resources along the southwest border and in Mexico and placed greater national emphasis on suppressing the trafficking of firearms and explosives to Mexico. Additionally, we have increased our efforts to partner with the Government of Mexico and other law enforcement and intelligence agencies with shared responsibilities.

Like ATF's overall firearms trafficking enforcement strategy, Gunrunner achieves its goals by focusing on both the market and source areas of criminally diverted firearms. While our strategy

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includes utilizing ATF's unique assets and capabilities in targeting persons who acquire or transfer firearms in a suspicious and/or unlawful manner; additional ATF investigative resources on both sides of the border; improved information sharing and data analysis related to traffickers, recovered firearms and explosive incidents; improved interagency cooperation (both domestic and international); and enhanced technology have resulted in our ability to place greater emphasis on the end users of trafficked firearms in the market area--the cartels and their confederates who organize the trafficking schemes and facilitate the movement of firearms across the U.S. southern border. Establishing linkage between the sources of illicit firearms and the violent criminals and cartels they arm significantly enhances our ability to secure effective federal prosecution for all firearms traffickers. The primary goal of ATF's southwest border firearms trafficking strategy remains unchanged---to identify, disrupt and dismantle the firearms trafficking organizations and networks responsible for trafficking firearms to Mexican cartels and the reduction of cartel-related border violence.

In the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and in fiscal year appropriations, ATF received \$21.9 million in funding to support and expand Project Gunrunner. ATF's expansion plan included placing Gunrunner resources dedicated to firearms trafficking investigations in new offices in McAllen, Texas; El Centro, California; and Las Cruces, New Mexico, including a satellite office in Roswell, New Mexico. ATF also created new Gunrunner teams in Phoenix and Houston, and added 12 new industry operations investigators (IOIs) to southwest border offices. In addition, a total of four special agents have been assigned to consulate offices in Juarez and Tijuana, Mexico to provide investigative support to the Government of Mexico, and a regional firearms advisor has been assigned to San Salvador, El Salvador.

As of August 2010, ATF has 224 special agents, 165 IOIs and 32 support staff assigned to Project Gunrunner in the four contiguous Southwest Border states. ATF is currently staffing two new Gunrunner offices in El Paso, Texas and Tucson, Arizona. Additional activities for 2010 include the opening of new offices in (b) (7)(E) and adding additional staff to the Mexico City Office.

Consistent with the ONDCP strategy, ATF participates in numerous southwest border OCDETF investigations with our federal partners, as well as several southwest border related OCDETF strike forces. ATF leads and staffs a group in the Houston Strike Force with a group supervisor, (b) (7)(E) special agents, (b) (7)(E) IOI, (b) (7)(E) RS, (b) (7)(E) IA and (b) (7)(E) task force officers (TFOs). ATF has (b) (7)(E) special agents assigned to the McAllen strike force satellite and (b) (7)(E) special agent assigned to the El Paso strike force satellite. ATF leads and staffs a Phoenix Strike Force group with one group supervisor, (b) (7)(E) special agents and (b) (7)(E) IA, with (b) (7)(E) special agent assigned to the Tucson strike

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force satellite. (b) (7)(E) ATF special agent is assigned to the San Diego Strike Force. In the Atlanta Strike Force, ATF leads a group staffed with a group supervisor, (b) (7)(E) special agents, (b) (7)(E) IA, and (b) (7)(E) TFOs. ATF plans to increase its participation in other southwest border OCDETF strike forces, including the Laredo satellite and the San Juan Strike Force.

ATF currently deploys Border Liaison Officers (BLO) in the four principal southwest border field divisions. BLOs work under the supervision of the special agent in charge and are an essential component of ATF information collection and analysis capabilities and the dissemination of actionable intelligence. Currently, ATF has established BLO positions in the following eight field offices for the respective points of entry: (b) (7)(E)

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In coordination with the Mexico Country Office, BLOs operate in Mexico and often respond to firearm and explosive recovery incidents and arrests. In some instances, BLOs serve as a force multiplier for the MCO and may be the first ATF responder to recovery and arrest incidents thus providing timely and essential investigative and technical assistance to Mexican law enforcement and/or military authorities. The BLOs also serve as ATF's principal liaison to other key U.S. law enforcement agencies operating in the vicinity of the southwest border and provide training to counterparts in Mexico. Information collected by BLOs is disseminated to both the ATF MCO and appropriate ATF field intelligence groups.

#### New Gunrunner Teams

As part of the 2010 Southwest Border Supplemental, ATF requested \$39,104,000 to create (b) (7)(E) experienced investigative teams that will target identified high priority firearms trafficking routes and focus on source areas of firearms trafficking to Mexico. Each of the new Gunrunner Teams will be staffed by a group supervisor, special agents, industry operations investigators, (b) (7)(E) intelligence research specialist, and (b) (7)(E) investigative analyst. Additional southwest border supplemental funds were requested to enhance ATF's National Tracing Center capabilities.

This request relies upon focused, nationally coordinated firearms trafficking interdiction efforts and intelligence information generated from ATF's crime gun information systems, which includes ATF's National Tracing Center and Violent Crime Analysis Branch, and ATF's case management system to identify and target inter-jurisdictional trafficking routes. In addition, intelligence regarding Mexican DTOs and cartels, including their areas of operations within the U.S., their U.S. transportation and distribution routes, and points of entry/border crossings based

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on analysis by the National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) has been reviewed. By targeting and disrupting these routes, ATF reduces the availability of guns in the illicit secondary firearms market. By denying criminals access to illegally trafficked firearms, ATF is effectively reducing firearms violence caused by gangs, Mexican DTOs and cartels on both sides of the southwest border.

According to the NDIC Situation Report, April 2010, *Cities Where Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations Operate Within the United States*, in 2009 Mexican DTOs were operating in at least 1,286 cities spanning all nine OCDETF regions, based on law enforcement reporting. NDIC assessed that "Mexican DTOs in at least 143 of these cities were linked to a specific Mexican Cartel or DTO based in Mexico." NDIC projected that Mexican DTOs will further expand their drug trafficking operations in the U.S. in the near term, particularly in the New England, New York/New Jersey, Mid-Atlantic and Florida/Caribbean regions. As reported in the *National Drug Threat Assessment 2010*, Mexican DTOs are more deeply entrenched in drug trafficking activity than any other DTOs, controlling most of the wholesale cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine distribution in the U.S. as well as much of the marijuana. Mexican DTOs have expanded their presence by increasing their transportation and distribution networks. NDIC identifies the principal Mexican organizations as the Beltran-Leyva DTO, the Gulf Cartel, Los Zetas, the Juarez Cartel, La Familia Michoacan, the Sinaloa Cartel, and the Tijuana Cartel.

The ATF Southwest Border Field Intelligence Support Team and EPIC have identified over 300 Mexican seizure events in 2009 that were linked to specific DTOs based upon the reporting from open source and Mexican Governmental agencies. (b) (3) (P.L. 111-117)

(b) (3) (P.L. 111-117) Reporting identified the Gulf cartel and Los Zetas involvement in 117 Mexican seizure events in which they were named separately (Zetas 70%-Gulf 30%) and together with 892 firearms and 782 grenades recovered. Reporting identified Sinaloa cartel involvement in 45 seizure events in Mexico with 578 firearms and 60 grenades recovered; Juarez cartel (including La Linea and Barrio Azteca) involvement in 24 seizure events with 64 firearms and 6 grenades recovered; Tijuana cartel (and the El Teo component) involvement in 34 seizure events with 259 firearms and 4 grenades recovered; La Familia's involvement in 53 seizure events with 339 firearms and 68 grenades recovered, and the Beltran-Leyva Organization involvement in 30 seizure events in Mexico with 349 firearms and 78 grenades recovered.

According to ATF Violent Crime Analysis Branch, between 12/1/2006 and 6/30/2010, there were a total of (b) (3) (P.L. 111-117) firearms purchased that were also recovered in Mexico and successfully traced. Although these firearms were sourced (b) (3) (P.L. 111-117) the top source states were (b) (3) (P.L. 111-117)

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With Southwest Border Supplemental funding, ATF will expand its current firearms trafficking investigations by emphasizing known trafficking corridors indicated by crime data. ATF will insert dedicated teams for comprehensive disruption of the flow of illegal firearms from source to market areas. Based on the available data and analysis conducted, the areas recommended for the new Gunrunner Teams include Atlanta, Georgia; Brownsville and Dallas, Texas; Las Vegas, Nevada; Miami, Florida; Sierra Vista/Nogales, Arizona; and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

1. Atlanta

Identified by NDIC as the major east coast drug distribution and cash flow hub for six of the seven primary Mexican cartels (Sinaloa, Beltran-Leyva, La Familia Michoacana, Juarez, Gulf and Los Zetas). Atlanta is the intersection of two primary Mexican DTO/Cartel drug distribution corridors (west to east known as the Southern route – which travels east through Dallas as Interstate I-20, and south to north known as the Appalachian route – which travels north from Miami through Tampa area). Atlanta is just west of the I-95 corridor, known as the Atlantic route. Likewise, Atlanta is an outbound bulk cash flow hub for cartel drug proceeds from the northeast and Florida.

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(ATF has two criminal enforcement field offices in McAllen and one in Laredo.)

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## 2. Brownsville

Identified by NDIC as a major border crossing, the Brownsville border area, extending west to McAllen, has among the highest levels of drug seizures along the southwest border, comparable to only the Nogales and San Diego areas. Brownsville is recognized as a firearm and bulk cash exit point for Mexican cartel operations, especially those in Texas, the Midwest and eastern U.S. states. NDIC reports Mexican DTO/Cartel presence by two of the seven primary organizations (Gulf and Los Zetas). For firearms purchased after 12/1/2006, recovered in Mexico and successfully traced as of 6/30/2010, (b) (3) (P.L. 111-117)

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FBI, DEA and ICE each have a presence in Brownsville.

Presently, there are two ATF criminal enforcement field offices in McAllen, which includes a Brownsville satellite office currently staffed with (b) (7)(E) special agent. Currently, ATF has established a BLO position in Brownsville (for the Matamoros, Mexico area), which is not staffed at this time. In FY 2009, the Brownsville satellite office initiated 84 southwest border related cases in N-Force, second only to the McAllen III Field Office within the Houston Field Division, and remains in the top four offices for that division for such investigations from 2004 to present. There is an OCDETF strike force satellite in McAllen, with (b) (7)(E) ATF special agent assigned. ICE has a large office in Harlingen, and has previously offered ATF office space to accommodate increased staffing. In addition, the ICE BEST unit is assigned to the Harlingen office and services the entire Rio Grande valley from this location.

## 3. Dallas

Identified by NDIC as a major southwest point for drug distribution and cash flow for the Mexican cartels. NDIC reports Mexican DTO/Cartel presence by five of the seven primary organizations (Gulf, Los Zetas, Juarez, La Familia, and Sinaloa). Dallas is the intersection of two Mexican DTO drug transportation corridors (west to east known as the Southern (I-20) route, and south to north known as the Midwest (I-35) route, which travels north from Laredo



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through Oklahoma City to Kansas City and St. Paul. Southbound bulk cash and firearms routes from the Chicago and Oklahoma City areas pass through Dallas, often in route to El Paso and McAllen for border crossings. Dallas is identified by ATF as

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4. Las Vegas

Identified by NDIC as a drug trafficking area for three of the Mexican cartels (La Familia, Sinaloa and Tijuana). Las Vegas is situated on a Mexican DTO drug transportation corridors (west to east known as the Central (I-15 to I-70) route, which continues north into Idaho on I-15 and east to Denver (I-70). Also of interest is the western end of the Central corridor, which connects Las Vegas (via I-15) to Los Angeles. Southbound bulk cash and firearms from midwest and northwest U.S. locations may pass through the Las Vegas area, which provides southbound options, including the San Diego, Yuma, and Nogales areas. Identified by ATF as a

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Presently there are two ATF criminal enforcement field offices and one industry operations field office in Las Vegas.

5. Miami

Identified by NDIC as a drug trafficking area for four of the Mexican cartels (Gulf, Los Zetas, La Familia and Sinaloa). Miami is the intersection of two Mexican DTO drug transportation corridors (both south to north, one known as the Atlantic (I-95) route - which proceeds north along the Atlantic coast of Florida and the entire east coast of the U.S., and the Appalachian route - Gulf coast side of Florida through Tampa, and north to Atlanta, Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio (I-75). Miami is part of the Mexican cartels' east coast drug distribution and cash flow

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network, which often travels north through Florida and west through the Gulf Coast (I-10) corridor, or north to Atlanta, and then west along the I-20 west and I-59 south routes. Identified by ATF as a source area for firearms recovered and traced in Mexico. Intelligence data reflects extensive international trafficking activity through the Miami region, with firearms being smuggled to Mexican DTOs/cartels and their associates in Central American countries, who often relay firearms into Mexico. Of the [REDACTED] firearms recovered in Mexico and traceable in 2007 to 2009 to a source state, (b) (3) (P.L. 111-117) [REDACTED] For firearms purchased after 12/1/2006, recovered in Mexico and successfully traced as of 6/30/2010 [REDACTED]

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## 6. Sierra Vista / Nogales

Identified by NDIC as a major drug smuggling and outbound firearms and bulk cash area for three of the Mexican cartels (Sinaloa, Beltran-Leyva, and Juarez). Mexican DTO operations in the immediate area are identifiable with the Sinaloa Cartel. The area has a high concentration of smuggling tunnels. Nogales is approximately 66 miles south of Tucson, and south of I-10, known as the Mexican DTO Southern transportation corridor, which effectively connects southwest border cities between California and Texas. According to NDIC, the eastern two-thirds of Arizona's southern border, in which Sierra Vista and Nogales are centered, produces among the highest levels of inbound drug seizures and outbound firearms seizures across the entire U.S.-Mexico border. Nogales is considered a major bulk cash exit point. One of the more significant north-south highways in Mexico ends at Nogales, which serves as the most direct route to Tucson, Phoenix and Prescott. ATF does not have a field office proximate to the Arizona border, as in California, New Mexico and Texas. The ATF Tucson field offices currently service the area, and a Tucson agent has been assigned as the Border Liaison Officer. Tucson currently has an industry operations field office, and two operational criminal enforcement field offices. A third criminal enforcement office is being established at this time under the 2010 Gunrunner expansion. (b) (7)(E)

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## 7. Oklahoma City

Identified by NDIC as a drug trafficking area for three of the Mexican cartels (Juarez, La Familia and Sinaloa). Oklahoma City is the intersection of two Mexican DTO drug transportation corridors, the west to east Southern (I-40) route – which proceeds east through Little Rock and Memphis in route to the Carolinas, and the south to north Midwest (I-35) route – which starts in Laredo, and travels north through San Antonio, Austin and Dallas, before proceeding further north to Kansas City and St. Paul. **(b) (3) (P.L. 111-117)**

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**(b) (3) (P.L. 111-117)** There is currently one ATF criminal enforcement field office in Oklahoma City with

**(b) (7)(E)** with the next closest office being in Tulsa. For firearms purchased after

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Based on the available data, analysis conducted, management discussions within Field Operations headquarters and with several special agents in charge, as well as recommendations by the Violent Crime Analysis Branch, the areas recommended for new 2010 Southwest Border Supplemental Gunrunner Teams include Atlanta, Georgia; Brownsville and Dallas, Texas; Las Vegas, Nevada; Miami, Florida; Sierra Vista/Nogales, Arizona; and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. If additional information or analysis is required, please contact me at (202) 648-**(b) (7)(C)**

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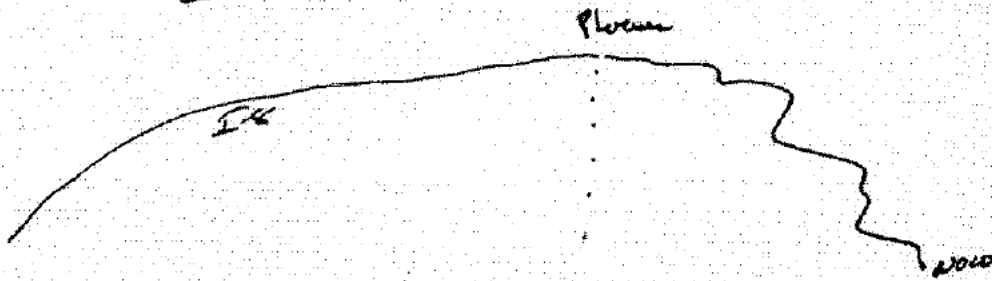
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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 3:18 PM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Subject:** RE: Please forward the e-mail you received from (b) (7)(C)  
**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 10:04 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Notification of contact..

I am sending this to inform you that I was recently contacted by representatives of the United States Senate's Committee on the Judiciary. I am working closely with an attorney to determine my obligations, rights and responsibilities in this matter. Please forward this as necessary and know that I will provide you with timely updates on events, as they become known to me.

Thank you,

(b) (7)(C)

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**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 12:13 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Please forward the e-mail you received from (b) (7)(C)

**From:** Hoover, William J.  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 4:04 PM  
**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

I spoke with (b) (6) about that. Due to this being an ongoing investigation and that there is GJ info we may not be able to go into great detail. We think Bill McMahon would do well. He is up to speed and was in PHX during the roundup.

Billy

William J. Hoover  
Deputy Director  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives  
O) 202-648-8710

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**From:** Melson, Kenneth E.  
**To:** Hoover, William J.  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 15:53:36 2011  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Do we need to have Bill come out for the briefing?

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**From:** Hoover, William J.  
**To:** McDermond, James E.  
**Cc:** Melson, Kenneth E.; Smith, Brad (ODAG) (SMO)  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 15:50:19 2011  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Thank you Jim.

Billy

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**From:** McDermond, James E.  
**To:** Hoover, William J.  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 15:47:12 2011  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Billy,

Please know that (b) (6) just finished a telephone call with Brian. He has requested to meet on February 3rd and prepared to have answers to four questions three of which are specifically related to Fast and Furious and one relative to Fast and Furious and Project Gunrunner.

(b) (6) is following up with DOJ-OLA. We will keep you informed.

Jim  
James McDermond, Assistant Director - ATF

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**From:** Hoover, William J.  
**To:** 'Brian\_Downey (b) (6)'; Melson, Kenneth E.; Michalic, Vivian B.  
**Cc:** 'Jason\_Foster (b) (6)'; McDermond, James E.; (b) (6); Chait, Mark R.; McMahon, William G.  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 13:26:52 2011  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Brian,

We have received your letter and look forward to briefing you and others on Project Gunrunner. I will have our Legislative Affairs office reach out to you in order to facilitate scheduling. In the meantime please call or e-mail if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Billy

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**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.; Hoover, William J.; Michalic, Vivian B.  
**Cc:** Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep) ; Hoover, William J.  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 11:58:51 2011  
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U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC  
(P) (b) (6)

**From:** Hoover, William J.  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 3:50 PM  
**To:** McDermond, James E.  
**CC:** Melson, Kenneth E.; Smith, Brad (ODAG) (SMO)  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Thank you Jim

Billy

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**To:** Hoover, William J.  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 15:47:12 2011  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

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**From:** Hoover, William J.  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 4:23 PM  
**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

(b) (6) just sent the questions they want answered. I am sure he will work it out. It also depends on what ODAG and OLA will want as well.

Billy

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**From:** Melson, Kenneth E.  
**To:** Hoover, William J.  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 16:15:51 2011  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Could we have a classified meeting? We don't necessary have to use GJ info; I am sure most of the information came from investigative efforts. It seems we should clearly nip this in the bud early and clearly.

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**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 16:04:58 2011  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

I spoke with (b) (6) about that. Due to this being an ongoing investigation and that there is GJ info we may not be able to go into great detail. We think Bill McMahon would do well. He is up to speed and was in PHX during the roundup.

Billy

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**From:** Melson, Kenneth E.  
**To:** Hoover, William J.  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 15:53:36 2011  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Do we need to have Bill come out for the briefing?

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**Cc:** Melson, Kenneth E.; Smith, Brad (ODAG) (SMO)  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 15:50:19 2011  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 7:35 PM  
**To:** McDermond, James E.  
**CC:** (b) (6) Hoover, William J.  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

We will do it first thing in the morning. Billy, what is your status tomorrow? Ken

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**From:** McDermond, James E.  
**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.  
**Cc:** (b) (6) Hoover, William J.  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 19:31:31 2011  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Director,

OLA has already been notified and has a copy of the letter. I do agree with you that ODAG should be engaged. I would respectfully ask that you or Billy make that call.

Regards,  
Jim  
James McDermond, Assistant Director - ATF

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**From:** Melson, Kenneth E.  
**To:** (b) (6) Hoover, William J.; McDermond, James E.; Thomasson, Scot L.; Chait, Mark R.  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 18:35:02 2011  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

We should probably get ODAG involved first thing, and before we go to OLA

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.; Hoover, William J.; McDermond, James E.; Thomasson, Scot L.; Chait, Mark R.  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 18:32:58 2011

**Subject:** Fw: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Fyi. Probably need to be prepared to give OLA some kind of brief as early as tomorrow. Even if its just at 100,000 feet.

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**From:** Weich, Ron (SMO)  
**To:** (b) (6) Agrast, Mark D. (SMO)  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 18:16:51 2011  
**Subject:** RE: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

I hear you, and you may well be right. But let's get our arms around the facts first and then we'll discuss how to proceed.

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**From:** (b) (6) (ATF)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 6:03 PM  
**To:** Weich, Ron (SMO); Agrast, Mark D. (SMO)  
**Subject:** FW: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Really think we need to go up and brief them on this. They are weighing the "craziness" factor on this.

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 4:14 PM  
**To:** 'Weich, Ron (SMO)'; 'Agrast, Mark D. (SMO)'  
**Cc:** 'Burton, Faith (SMO)'; Kralovec, Jamie (JMD) (SMO); McDermond, James E.; Gonzales, Mary (OLA); Thomasson, Scot L.; Hoover, William J.; Melson, Kenneth E.  
**Subject:** RE: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Just got off the phone with Grassley's staffer.

He wants these questions/issues answered/addressed:

- 1.) That firearms were sold to known or suspected traffickers in AZ and that the FFL informed ATF that he had concerns,
- 2.) That ATF asked the dealer to continue making the sales in furtherance of their investigation,
- 3.) That two of these weapons were recovered from the scene of the 12/14/2010 fire that killed CBP Agent Brian Terry and that one of those weapons was actually used to kill Agent Terry.
- 4.) An overview of how Project Gunrunner works.

I mentioned that I didn't know how much information we would be able to share with them because this is an open case/investigation. They cited numerous occasions where they have been briefed on open cases and stated that they need to be briefed to assess whether the information they have is viable or not. They claim to have "documentation" that confirms their concerns. They are firm on their date of doing something by next Thursday, 2/3/2011.

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 2:42 PM  
**To:** Weich, Ron (SMO); Agrast, Mark D. (SMO)  
**Cc:** Burton, Faith (SMO); Kralovec, Jamie (JMD) (SMO); McDermond, James E.  
**Subject:** A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley  
**Importance:** High

We need to discuss this very sensitive issue ASAP. I assume that the *Linder Letter* will guide our response.

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Chief - Office of Legislative Affairs  
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**From:** Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 11:59 AM  
**To:** 'ken.melson(b) (6)'; 'william.hoover(b) (6)'; 'vivian.michalik(b) (6)'  
**Cc:** Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep); 'william.hoover(b) (6)'  
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**From:** Smith, Brad (ODAG) [(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 8:20 PM  
**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.; Michalic, Mark (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Grassley matter

Thanks, Ken. I have meetings in the morning, but nothing that I can't move or miss for a bit. Would 10 a.m. work for you? If there's a better time for you, just name it.

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 07:48 PM  
**To:** Smith, Brad (ODAG); Michalic, Mark (ODAG)  
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**From:** Smith, Brad (ODAG) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:59 PM  
**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.  
**Subject:** Re: Grassley matter

Thanks, Ken. You should be able to get me at (b) (6)

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**From:** Melson, Kenneth E. (ATF)  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 27, 2011 09:04 PM  
**To:** Smith, Brad (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: Grassley matter

10 is fine. Thanks. I will call you if you can give me a good number.

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**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.; Michalic, Mark (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 20:20:54 2011  
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**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:19 AM  
**To:** Smith, Brad (ODAG) (SMO)  
**CC:** Melson, Kenneth E.; (b) (6); (b) (6); Michalic, Mark (ODAG) (SMO);  
Wilkinson, Monty (OAG) (SMO)  
**Subject:** FW: Contact from Sen. Grassley's Office

Brad,

We received a letter last week from Senator Grassley. It appears one of our special agents contacted the Senator's staff and made comments to them which were less than favorable concerning our Project Gunrunner and the Fast and Furious investigation. We are conducting a review to determine if any Ge material was disclosed. That involved a conversation with the aforementioned special agent by his Field Division Supervisor's. We have convened a meeting this afternoon with our Chief Counsel, Field Operations, and the Office of Professional Responsibility and Security Operations.

We understand the law concerning the Whistle Blower Protection Act (WPA) and will act in accordance. However, we also have to ensure we follow the guidelines of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure (FRCP) as well. We want to ensure we are doing the right thing. As you will see in the email below, our special agent has contacted the Senator's Staff and raised concerns over our inquiry. Apparently the Senator is meeting with the Attorney General today and will have this as a topic of conversation. I want to ensure everyone that we are moving forward with caution and respect for both the WPA and the FRCP.

I just spoke with Monty Wilkinson of the AG's staff on another issue and informed him of this issue. You will note that I have cc'd him as well.

I will reach out to you shortly to follow up.

Billy

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**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 10:52 AM  
**To:** Hoover, William J.  
**Subject:** Contact from Sen. Grassley's Office

Billy:

(b) (6) just reported that he had been contacted this morning by Sen. Grassley's Chief Counsel for Investigations who related the following:

Our employee who came in to speak with them advised that he/she had advised his/her chain of command that he/she was coming in to speak to Sen. Grassley's staff as required by orders. Upon return, the employee was "called to the carpet," caused to participate in two meetings, was accused of lying in the first meeting, and was ordered to write a memorandum disclosing everything that he/she had told the Senator's staff.

Sen. Grassley's counsel expressed concern that this may be a direct violation of the Whistleblower statute (retaliation) and that this could be perceived as an attempt to obstruct a congressional investigation. Sen. Grassley's counsel indicated that the Senator was having a private lunch with the Attorney General today and this would be the first topic on his agenda when they meet.

(b) (6)

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**From:** Burton, Faith (SMO) (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2011 12:54:27 PM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Hoover, William J.; Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); (b) (6); Pings, Anne (USAE0); McDermond, James E.; Melson, Kenneth E.; Johnson, Deborah (SMO); Smith, Brad (ODAG); Colborn, Paul P (SMO)  
**CC:** Gaston, Molly (SMO); Gonzales, Mary (OLA)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft response to Grassley letters; please review and comment asap

**Attachments:** grassley atf.docx

Apologies for the confusion here; please work from this doc, which picks up Jason's edits and adds a few others. Understand the concerns about pushing back on the Terry issue, but think



presents significant risks and we should discuss that together in person if nec.  
 Thanks.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2011 12:38 PM  
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<< File: grassley atf.weinstein suggestions.docx >>

I think this is a terrific start, and I fully appreciate the concerns about commenting on ongoing cases – both present and future – but I really think the Department should consider making a more forceful rebuttal to the allegations here, which are terribly damaging to ATF. Here are a few suggestions, which may be helpful.

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Please see the enclosed draft response, which is intended to clarify the record and the boundaries of the briefing. Goal would to put on the record whatever we can say about the pending matter, without opening the door re info we're not prepared to publicly disclose; once we get this finalized and sent – today if possible – we can then move ahead to schedule the briefing. Need to hear from USAO, since they have primary equities in the pending case – Anne,



we understand that Dennis was leaving the office yesterday afternoon -- don't know if he's back but perhaps you could route this to the FAUSA and other AUSAs with responsibility for this matter if he's not available. Thanks -- sorry for the rush. FB

Attached. << File: grassley atf.docx >>

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**From:** Chait, Mark R.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2011 1:02:35 PM  
**To:** Hoover, William J.; (b) (6) (b) (6)  
McMahon, William G.  
**CC:** Melson, Kenneth E.  
**Subject:** RE: Draft response to Grassley letters; please review and comment asap

Looks good, better than 1<sup>st</sup> one. See page 2 typo in para. 1. thx

**Mark R. Chait**  
Assistant Director  
Field Operations  
202-648-8410

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**Sent:** Wed Feb 02 17:42:45 2011  
**Subject:** RE: Revised Grassley letter

Jason,

We are fine with this letter. We will also reach out to the Senator's office and relate the message.

Billy

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Pings, Anne (USAEO); McDermond, James E.; Melson, Kenneth E.; Smith, Brad (ODAG); Colborn, Paul P (SMO)  
**CC:** Gaston, Molly (SMO); Gonzales, Mary (OLA)  
**Subject:** Re: Draft response to Grassley letters; please review and comment asap

Please remove my name from this distribution list as you have the wrong person. Thank you!

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Apologies for the confusion here; please work from this doc, which picks up Jason's edits and adds a few others.  
Understand the concerns about pushing back on the Terry issue, but think presents significant risks and we should  
discuss that together in person if nec. <<grassley atf.docx>> Thanks.

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I think this is a terrific start, and I fully appreciate the concerns about commenting on ongoing cases – both present and  
future – but I really think the Department should consider making a more forceful rebuttal to the allegations here,  
which are terribly damaging to ATF. Here are a few suggestions, which may be helpful.

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Please see the enclosed draft response, which is intended to clarify the record and the boundaries of the briefing. Goal  
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schedule the briefing. Need to hear from USAO, since they have primary equities in the pending case -- Anne, we  
understand that Dennis was leaving the office yesterday afternoon -- don't know if he's back but perhaps you could  
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rush. FB

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Faith,

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Thank you,

Billy

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2011 6:09 PM  
**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.  
**Subject:** RE: Revised draft letter to Grassley per input received from all - hope this is ready. Thanks. FB

We got tremendous support from Jason and Dennis to make this stronger.

Billy

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2011 6:08 PM  
**To:** Hoover, William J.  
**Subject:** Re: Revised draft letter to Grassley per input received from all - hope this is ready. Thanks. FB

This has changed a lot since I last saw it. It is a lot stronger. Good job.

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**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.; Chait, Mark R.; McDermond, James E.; (b) (6); McMahon, William G.; Smith, Brad (ODAG) (SMO)  
**Sent:** Thu Feb 03 18:01:44 2011  
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Dennis, Billy - I agree we need to have a strong and accurate response. Toward that end, we've got some additional questions that we just asked Brad to run down with you and Billy so we can get this out tomorrow. So he will be circling back with you guys.

Thanks

Lisa

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**From:** Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)

**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2011 06:55 PM

**To:** Burton, Faith (SMO); Monaco, Lisa (ODAG); Weich, Ron (SMO); Smith, Brad (ODAG); Hoover, William J. (ATF); Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Colborn, Paul P (SMO)

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Fine by me. Thanks for sharing.

Please send soon. Every version gets weaker. We will be apologizing to him by tomorrow afternoon.

Dennis

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**To:** McDermond, James E.  
**CC:** Melson, Kenneth E.; Smith, Brad (ODAG) (SMO)  
**Sent:** 1/27/2011 3:50:19 PM  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Thank you Jim.

Billy

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**To:** Hoover, William J.  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 15:47:12 2011  
**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Billy,

Please know that (b) (6) just finished a telephone call with Brian. He has requested to meet on February 3rd and prepared to have answers to four questions three of which are specifically related to Fast and Furious and one relative to Fast and Furious and Project Gunrunner.

(b) (6) is following up with DOJ-OLA. We will keep you informed.

Jim  
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**Sent:** 1/27/2011 9:04:03 PM  
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**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.; Michalic, Mark (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 20:20:54 2011  
**Subject:** Re: Grassley matter

Thanks, Ken. I have meetings in the morning, but nothing that I can't move or miss for a bit. Would 10 a.m. work for you? If there's a better time for you, just name it.

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**Sent:** 1/28/2011 8:44:44 AM  
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I am just copying Debbie from ODAG. She's more steeped in the details of the Terry case, but she's actually in Mexico today working on some of these issues.

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**To:** Breuer, Lanny A.; Raman, Mythili  
**Sent:** 2/2/2011 5:55:34 PM  
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**Sent:** 2/2/2011 6:13:00 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Revised Grassley letters on Gunrunner & Whistleblower issues.  
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**To:** Weinstein, Jason  
**Sent:** Wed Feb 02 20:40:53 2011  
**Subject:** Fw: Revised Grassley letters on Gunrunner & Whistleblower issues.

Wjat was changed?

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2011 07:37 PM  
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**Sent:** Wed Feb 02 21:46:33 2011  
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Do you believe this? They wonder how things get out? Also, I need to talk with you first thing about the Auburn and NCETR email traffic today with DAD Boxler.

See you in the morning.

Jim  
 James McDermond, Assistant Director - ATF

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**Cc:** Gaston, Molly (SMO) ; Gonzales, Mary (OLA)  
**Sent:** Wed Feb 02 19:10:26 2011  
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Deborah M. Johnson  
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**From:** Burton, Faith (SMO)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 02, 2011 12:54 PM

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**Sent:** 2/3/2011 8:17:42 AM  
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Jim  
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**To:** 'Brian\_Downey@judiciary-rep.senate.gov' ; Melson, Kenneth E.; Michalic, Vivian B.

**Cc:** 'Jason\_Foster@judiciary-rep.senate.gov' ; McDermond, James E.; (b) (6) Chait, Mark R.; McMahon, William G.

**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 13:26:52 2011

**Subject:** Re: A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Brian,

We have received your letter and look forward to briefing you and others on Project Gunrunner. I will have our Legislative Affairs office reach out to you in order to facilitate scheduling. In the meantime please call or e-mail if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Billy

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**Sent:** Thu Jan 27 11:58:51 2011

**Subject:** A Letter from Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley

Hello,

Please find attached a letter from Ranking Member Grassley. Please confirm receipt, thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian

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U.S. Committee on the Judiciary  
Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley  
U.S. Senate  
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**To:** Weich, Ron (SMO); Richardson, Margaret (SMO)  
**CC:** Grindler, Gary (OAG)  
**Sent:** 1/31/2011 12:41:34 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Contact from Sen. Grassley's Office

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**To:** Cole, James (SMO); Monaco, Lisa (ODAG); Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG)  
**CC:** Michalic, Mark (ODAG)  
**Sent:** 1/31/2011 2:10:25 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Contact from Sen. Grassley's Office  
**Attachments:** 2011-01-31 Letter to ATF.PDF

FYI: Senator Grassley has now sent a letter (attached) to ATF expressing concern about the agent's treatment and asking Melson to remind ATF employees of their whistleblower protections. The AG was copied on the letter.

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I understand the AG is meeting with Senator Grassley at 3:30 today, and this issue is on the agenda. As mentioned in his e-mail below, Billy Hoover has already briefed Monty Wilkinson, and we'll ensure that Main Justice OLA is in the loop. We'll continue to monitor the situation and alert you to any new developments.

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**Sent:** 2/3/2011 4:08:24 PM  
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**To:** Hoover, William J.  
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**Sent:** 2/3/2011 4:30:09 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Revised Grassley letter

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Brad

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**To:** Monaco, Lisa (ODAG)  
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I'm with you! I think that word came from Jason W or from Dennis Burke, both of whom are convinced that ATF is in the right here, but why take a chance.

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**Subject:** Re: Revised Grassley letter

Thanks for sending this Ron. I agree it shld go out from you. Fyi, I just met with Brad to ask him some questions (b) (5)

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Thank you,

Billy

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**To:** Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG)  
**Sent:** 2/4/2011 8:59:44 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Contact from Sen. Grassley's Office  
**Attachments:** 2011-01-27 Letter to ATF.PDF

Here you go.

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**From:** Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Friday, February 04, 2011 8:57 AM  
**To:** Smith, Brad (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Contact from Sen. Grassley's Office

Brad – can you forward me Grassley's 1/27 letter. Thanks.

**From:** Smith, Brad (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 2:10 PM  
**To:** Cole, James (SMO); Monaco, Lisa (ODAG); Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG)  
**Cc:** Michalic, Mark (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: Contact from Sen. Grassley's Office

FYI: Senator Grassley has now sent a letter (attached) to ATF expressing concern about the agent's treatment and asking Melson to remind ATF employees of their whistleblower protections. The AG was copied on the letter.

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**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 12:18 PM  
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I understand the AG is meeting with Senator Grassley at 3:30 today, and this issue is on the agenda. As mentioned in his e-mail below, Billy Hoover has already briefed Monty Wilkinson, and we'll ensure that Main Justice OLA is in the loop. We'll continue to monitor the situation and alert you to any new developments.

Thanks,

Brad

**From:** Hoover, William J. (ATF)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 11:20 AM  
**To:** Smith, Brad (ODAG)  
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Brad,

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We understand the law concerning the Whistle Blower Protection Act (WPA) and will act in accordance. However, we also have to ensure we follow the guidelines of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure (FRCP) as well. We want to ensure we are doing the right thing. As you will see in the email below, our special agent has contacted the Senator's Staff and raised concerns over our inquiry. Apparently the Senator is meeting with the Attorney General today and will have this as a topic of conversation. I want to ensure everyone that we are moving forward with caution and respect for both the WPA and the FRCP.

I just spoke with Monty Wilkinson of the AG's staff on another issue and informed him of this issue. You will note that I have cc'd him as well.

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 31, 2011 10:52 AM  
**To:** Hoover, William J.  
**Subject:** Contact from Sen. Grassley's Office

Billy:

(b) (6) just reported that he had been contacted this morning by Sen. Grassley's Chief Counsel for Investigations who related the following:

Our employee who came in to speak with them advised that he/she had advised his/her chain of command that he/she was coming in to speak to Sen. Grassley's staff as required by orders. Upon return, the employee was "called to the carpet," caused to participate in two meetings, was accused of lying in the first meeting, and was ordered to write a memorandum disclosing everything that he/she had told the Senator's staff.

Sen. Grassley's counsel expressed concern that this may be a direct violation of the Whistleblower statute (retaliation) and that this could be perceived as an attempt to obstruct a congressional investigation. Sen. Grassley's counsel indicated that the Senator was having a private lunch with the Attorney General today and this would be the first topic on his agenda when they meet.

(b) (6)  
Acting Chief of Staff  
Office of the Director  
O: 202 (b) (6)  
C: (b) (6)  
HQ Room 5 S 100

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 27, 2011

## Via Electronic Transmission

Kenneth E. Melson  
Acting Director  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives  
99 New York Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20226

Dear Acting Director Melson:

It is my understanding that the ATF is continually conducting operations along the southwestern United States border to thwart illegal firearm trafficking. I am specifically writing you concerning an ATF operation called "Project Gunrunner." There are serious concerns that the ATF may have become careless, if not negligent, in implementing the Gunrunner strategy.

Members of the Judiciary Committee have received numerous allegations that the ATF sanctioned the sale of hundreds of assault weapons to suspected straw purchasers, who then allegedly transported these weapons throughout the southwestern border area and into Mexico. According to the allegations, one of these individuals purchased three assault rifles with cash in Glendale, Arizona on January 16, 2010. Two of the weapons were then allegedly used in a firefight on December 14, 2010 against Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents, killing CBP Agent Brian Terry. These extremely serious allegations were accompanied by detailed documentation which appears to lend credibility to the claims and partially corroborates them.

On Tuesday, according to press reports, the ATF arrested 17 suspects in a Project Gunrunner bust. William Newell, the Special Agent in Charge of the ATF's Phoenix Field Office was quoted as saying, "We strongly believe we took down the entire organization from top to bottom that operated out of the Phoenix area." However, if the 17 individuals were merely straw purchasers of whom the ATF had been previously aware before Agent Terry's death, then that raises a host of serious questions that the ATF needs to address immediately.

As you know, the Department of Justice Office of Inspector General (OIG) released a review of ATF's Project Gunrunner in November of 2010, in which the OIG concluded that Project Gunrunner has been unsuccessful, in large part because:

Project Gunrunner's investigative focus has largely remained on gun dealer inspections and straw purchaser investigations, rather than targeting higher-level traffickers and smugglers. As a result, ATF has not made full use of the

intelligence, technological, and prosecutorial resources that can help ATF's investigations reach into the higher levels of trafficking rings.<sup>1</sup>

Therefore, in order to gain a more complete understanding of ATF activities in Project Gunrunner, I request that you arrange for my staff to be briefed by knowledgeable ATF supervisors no later than February 3, 2011. Please contact Jason Foster or Brian Downey at (202) 224-5225 to schedule the briefing. All formal correspondence should be sent electronically in PDF format to [Brian\\_Downey@judiciary-rep.senate.gov](mailto:Brian_Downey@judiciary-rep.senate.gov) or via facsimile to (202) 224-3799.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley  
Ranking Member

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<sup>1</sup> *Review of ATF's Project Gunrunner, Evaluation and Inspections Report 1-2011-001*, November 2010, available at <http://www.justice.gov/oig/reports/ATF/e1101.pdf>

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From: (b) (7)(C)  
To: (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: FW: SIR

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(b) (7)(C)

Can we make the name in the memo. Thanks (b) (7)(C)

-----Original Message-----

From: Webb, J. Dewey  
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2006 8:22 AM  
To: (b) (7)(C)  
Cc: Carter, Donnie A.; Zammillo, James A., Sr.; O'Brien, Virginia T.; Carroll, Carson W.; Barrera, Hugo J.  
Subject: Fw: SIR

(b) (7)(C)

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THANKS  
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To: Webb, J. Dewey (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Fri Jun 02 20:50:25 2006  
Subject: Re: SIR

Tku- ran gunrunner name by edgar- good to go  
Michael R. Bouchard

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(b) (7)(C) Torres, John A (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Fri Jun 02 17:45:11 2006  
Subject: Fw: SIR

GOOD PROJECT GUNRUNNER CASE OUT OF DALLAS.

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To: Webb, J. Dewey (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Fri Jun 02 17:34:03 2006  
Subject: FW: SIR

MICHAEL A. GOLSON SR.  
ASSISTANT SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
DALLAS FIELD DIVISION  
OFFICE (b) (7)(C)  
CELL (b) (7)(C)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2006 4:46 PM  
To: Carter, Ronnie A.; Golson Sr., Michael A (b) (7)(C)  
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Subject: SIR

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES  
SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION REPORT

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DATE: June 02, 2006  
FROM: Dallas Field Division  
FIELD OFFICE: Dallas III (Firearms Trafficking) Field Office

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CASE INFORMATION

CASE NUMBER: [REDACTED]  
CASE TITLE: [REDACTED]  
SPECIAL AGENT: [REDACTED]  
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

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SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

Arrest of foreign firearms traffickers of FN Herstal 5.7mm pistols (Southwest Border Initiative)

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NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 2:13 PM  
To: (b) (7)(C)  
Subject: RE: 785115-10 (b) (7)(A) S1

(b) (7)(C)

I too believe this to be a great case with a tremendous amount of potential. Although we have discussed much of this, I wanted to take the time to ensure that it was all addressed.

I apologize for the NFORCE issues. Unfortunately, I allowed the quick pace at which the investigation took off, compiled with the hurdles of often having GRIT members utilizing my station, to leave me playing catch-up. Again, my apologies and trust that I will do all that I can to prevent it from happening again. In such an attempt, (b) (7)(A)

(b) (7)(A) S1 (b) (7)(A)  
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(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)  
(b)(7)(A), (C) & (E)

(b) (5)

I appreciate your help and guidance on this,  
(b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) / Special Agent / ATF - Phoenix Group VII  
3010 N 2nd ST, Suite #301  
Phoenix, AZ 85012  
T: (b) (7)(C) / Fax: (602) 605-6500 / C: (b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

From: (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 3:47 PM  
To: (b) (7)(A)  
Subject: 785115- (b) (7)(A)

(b) (7)(C)

First let me say that this is great case and worthy of your investigative efforts. However, at your earliest convenience we need to speak regarding this case. (b) (5)  
concerns I have. Additionally, I note that there are several well written reports that have not been generated. Please generate, print, sign, and turn into me these reports ASAP. Also I note there is a audio recording that was made, yet under "Property in ATF Custody" there is nothing listed. Which

brings up the "Electronic Surveillance" issue. Please see the below cut-n-pasted order regarding approval/notification and entry of Electronic Surveillance.

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE. The Electronic Surveillance folder keeps a record of each subject monitored during an ATF investigation. This critical information is used not only for investigative purposes, but also so that ATF can respond to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests as required by law. Multiple surveillance subjects can be entered into one Electronic Surveillance Event using the relationship tab feature. Identify the primary subject of the intercept and then choose additional subjects from the Persons folder to relate to the event as a person under surveillance.

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- d. The RAC/GS shall ensure that all electronic interceptions are entered into N-Force within 5 business days. An ROI is also required to document the event in which the electronic monitoring occurred. All tapes, disks, or other media used to monitor the surveillance shall be entered as Electronic Intercept property into the Property In ATF Custody folder.

I appreciate your efforts on this case but we need to comply with the ATF Orders and Regulations as well. ATF Orders; 3530.2 Electronic Surveillance, 3400.18 Property Taken Into Bureau Custody, 3111.1 Use of N-Force, and 3270.10C Law Enforcement Investigative Reports.

(b) (7)(C)

Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII

(b) (7)(C)



(Cont)  
RES  
(1/5/10)

78515- (b) (7)(A)

#6 cups 685+ (.50 cal. used?)

○ (b)(7)(A) & (C)

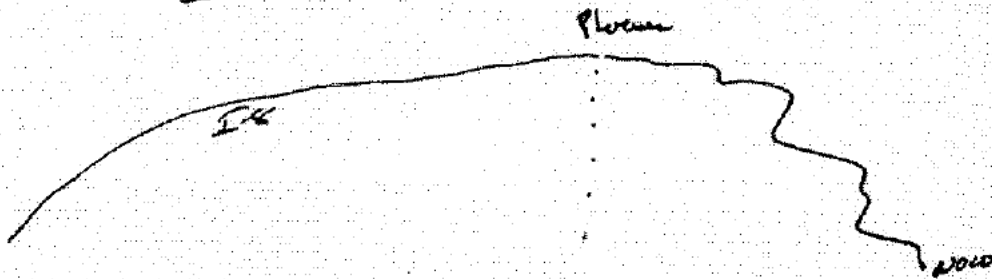
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7.62 Dragon/used  
5.7  
50 cal path

- Gun Not?



→ Penetrating into Marine?

(b) (7)(C)

- Interview of (b) (7)(C)
- 4/7/31
- video
- ATF statement
- Interview of (b) (7)(C)

- Sur

- FBI ?  
(b) (7)(E)

- ID'd nec.

① FAs walk:  
If no to Mexico.

ASAP

per 230/230.104

passing to  
circle, do  
the full gate  
not possible

← If yes to Mexico.

①  
Takes on floor w/  
explains what +  
skip @ border - ATF  
interview

See where crossing border

② [Redacted]

Gen Net → search

③ UCIS: if gen used, when problem can be  
+ check is made, alert ATF real-time  
\* To ID when FFLs

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From: (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 12:58 PM  
To: (b) (7)(C) (DEA-US); Gillett, George T. Jr.  
Subject: Strike Force stats for first quarter, Dec-March 2010

(b) (7)(C)

Per your request I have listed the below stats for ATF Phoenix Group VII as part of the Phoenix Strike Force for the first quarter of 2010 (Dec-March):

1. One paragraph narrative on significant investigation: (b) (7)(A)  
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2. Federal Arrests: 4
3. Firearm and Narcotics Seizures: Firearms = 85, Narcotics = 16 pounds methamphetamine
4. Assets Seized: \$140,000.00 U.S. currency
5. OCDETF cases opened: 2 - Operation White Gun & Operation Fast and Furious
6. Number of T-III Audio Intercepts: (b) (7)(E)
7. Significant Indictments: 4 individuals Indicted as part of Operation White Gun after the reversal of methamphetamine and currency in exchange for prop machine guns, missile launchers, and grenades, by ATF undercover agents. Indicted individuals stated the props were being obtained on behalf of the Chapo Guzman DTO.

(b) (7)(C)

Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 08, 2010 8:05 PM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.; Needles, James R.  
**Subject:** FW: El Paso - Phoenix connections

Just FYI...no action needed.

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 08, 2010 4:54 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C); (b) (7)(C) (DEA-US); (b) (7)(C) (DEA-US); (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** El Paso - Phoenix connections

To all;

My name is (b) (7)(C) and I am the ATF Group Supervisor for Phoenix Group VII, which is the Southwest Border Firearms Trafficking Group.

On a current OCDETF case we are investigating here in Phoenix (b) (7)(A) Without going into too much detail (b) (7)(A)

(b) (7)(A)  
suspects that are residents of Phoenix, AZ that utilize the El Paso Port of Entry to cross into (or return from) Mexico.

My goal is not to hinder any agencies investigation but rather to enhance all of our cases. I am suggesting that we arrange a conference call between Phoenix (DEA & ATF) and El Paso (DEA & ATF) next Monday to share information.

Thanks to all in advance,

(b) (7)(C)  
Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII  
[Redacted]

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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2010 10:10 AM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.; Needles, James R.  
**Subject:** Fw: UPDATE #2--Four In Custody Following Shooting Of CBP Agent, One Suspect At Large, Arizona--MMC IOI #3266-10

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Wed Dec 15 10:03:34 2010  
**Subject:** FW: UPDATE #2--Four In Custody Following Shooting Of CBP Agent, One Suspect At Large, Arizona--MMC IOI #3266-10

(b) (6)  
 ATF National Coordinator  
 Southwest Border/Project Gunrunner

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**From:** NOC Media Monitoring [<mailto:mmc@techopsolutions.net>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2010 10:01 AM  
**To:** Undisclosed recipients  
**Subject:** UPDATE #2--Four In Custody Following Shooting Of CBP Agent, One Suspect At Large, Arizona--MMC IOI #3266-10

**NOC Media Monitoring Capability - Traditional Media**

**Title:** Border Patrol agent shot, killed near Rio Rico Four suspects in custody, manhunt on for another

**Location:** Rio Rico, Arizona

**NOC MMC CIR #3: Identifying events with operational value...corroborating critical information**

**Excerpt from News Article:**

A Nogales-based Border Patrol agent was killed near Rio Rico last night.

The agent was shot and killed after encountering a group of suspects at an unspecified location, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a news release. At least four of the suspects are in custody and another is still being pursued.

Authorities are urging anyone who sees anything suspicious to report it immediately. The incident investigation is being led by the FBI and the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office.

**Sources** (some page content may change or not be available over time):

- **Nogales International**

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[http://www.nogalesinternational.com/articles/2010/12/15/news/breaking\\_news/doc4d08ca3211bd8336881955.txt](http://www.nogalesinternational.com/articles/2010/12/15/news/breaking_news/doc4d08ca3211bd8336881955.txt)

- **FOX News**

-- <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2010/12/15/border-patrol-agent-killed-southern-arizona/>

**(b) (6)**

**Operations Analyst  
DHS NOC Media Monitoring**

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Cell:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:51 AM  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Subject:** Fw: U.S. Border Patrol Agent Reportedly Shot, Condition Unknown--MMC IOI #3266-10

(b) (6) only knows about this fm the news.

George T. Gillett  
ASAC - Phoenix Field Division  
Cell: [REDACTED]

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Wed Dec 15 09:49:36 2010  
**Subject:** Re: U.S. Border Patrol Agent Reportedly Shot, Condition Unknown--MMC IOI #3266-10

Just via the news. The agent was shot a 1AM this morning in Nogales (Peck Canyon). I don't have any other info

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**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**To:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wed Dec 15 09:47:04 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: U.S. Border Patrol Agent Reportedly Shot, Condition Unknown--MMC IOI #3266-10

Any of you hear about this?

George T. Gillett  
ASAC - Phoenix Field Division  
Cell: [REDACTED]

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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Wed Dec 15 09:06:11 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: U.S. Border Patrol Agent Reportedly Shot, Condition Unknown--MMC IOI #3266-10



Check with our folks in Tucson to see if they know anything more.

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**From:** McMahon, William G.  
**To:** Chait, Mark R.; Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Wed Dec 15 07:51:24 2010  
**Subject:** FW: U.S. Border Patrol Agent Reportedly Shot, Condition Unknown--MMC IOI #3266-10  
FYI.

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Bill,

if you hear anything regarding the below, please let us know.

Thanks,

William G. McMahon  
Deputy Assistant Director (West)  
Office of Field Operations  
Office - [REDACTED]

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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2010 7:50 AM  
**To:** McMahon, William G.; (b) (6)  
**Subject:** Fw: U.S. Border Patrol Agent Reportedly Shot, Condition Unknown--MMC IOI #3266-10

(b) (6)

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**From:** NOC Media Monitoring  
**To:** Undisclosed recipients  
**Sent:** Wed Dec 15 07:11:23 2010  
**Subject:** U.S. Border Patrol Agent Reportedly Shot, Condition Unknown--MMC IOI #3266-10  
**NOC Media Monitoring Capability - Traditional Media**  
**Title:** BREAKING NEWS: Border Patrol Agent Shot  
**Location:** United States  
**NOC MMC CIR #3: Identifying events with operational value...corroborating critical information**

**Excerpt from News Article:**

The Border Patrol has confirmed to News 4 Tucson an agent was shot overnight.

The agent was transported to a hospital via helicopter, but no word on his condition.

The Border Patrol will not confirm where the shooting happened, if any suspects have been taken into custody,

or anything about the events surrounding the shooting.

News 4 Tucson has been told more information could be released when an investigative agency, such as the FBI, takes over.

**Sources** (some page content may change or not be available over time):

- KVOA
- <http://www.kvoa.com/news/breaking-news-border-patrol-agent-shot/>

(b) (6)

**Operations Analyst**  
**DHS NOC Media Monitoring**  
**Phone:** [REDACTED]  
**Cell:** [REDACTED]

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**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Friday, March 05, 2010 4:29 PM  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Subject:** Re: Fast and Furious case

10-4. Good to know (b) (7)(C)'s "rock solid" much like ATF's relationship with ICE, at least according to Director Melson.

George T. Gillett  
ASAC - Phoenix Field Division  
Cell: [REDACTED]

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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Fri Mar 05 16:23:19 2010  
**Subject:** Fast and Furious case

(b) (7)(C) did a great job on the conference call today. We can discuss more on Monday but one thing I want us to do asap is come up with a prosecution plan. I want our potential defendants listed out and what charges we hope to perfect against them.

[REDACTED] I want us to have a good plan and then present to the DOJ rep, (b) (7)(C) who was on line today and seems to have a good idea of what needs to be done. Since he's our detailed rep we should use him to get advice and guidance and then present our plans to the USAO. That way we'll already have Main Justice buy-in and they'll know it here. We can discuss more at Staff on Monday but wanted you to think about this and get with (b) (7)(C) and (b) (7)(C) to discuss as well.

Bill Newell  
Special Agent in Charge  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)  
Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)  
Office - [REDACTED]

Subject: Weapons Seizures in Mexico w/Lanny Breuer  
Location: Main DOJ - Room 2107

Start: 1/5/2010 10:00 AM  
End: 1/5/2010 10:45 AM  
Show Time As: Busy

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Accepted

Required Attendees: Breuer, Lanny A. (CRM); Hoover, William J.;  
Chait, Mark R.; (b) (6)

Optional Attendees: (b) (6) (CRM); (b) (6)  
(b) (6)

Resources: Main DOJ - Room 2107

UPDATED TIME CHANGE FROM 11:00 A.M TO 10:00 A.M. THANK YOU.

**Subject:** Discuss & Follow up on Mexico Meetings - Kenneth Melson, William Hoover, Lanny Breuer, Jason Weinstein

**Location:** Main Justice - Room 2107

**Start:** 11/9/2010 4:00 PM

**End:** 11/9/2010 4:30 PM

**Show Time As:** Tentative

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Required Attendees:** Hoover, William J.; Melson, Kenneth E.; Breuer, Lanny A. (CRM); Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Chait, Mark R.

**Optional Attendees:** (b) (6); (b) (6) (CRM); Weinstein, Jason; Breuer, Lanny A.; (b) (6)

**Resources:** Main Justice - Room 2107

**When:** Tuesday, November 09, 2010 4:00 PM-4:30 PM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** Main Justice - Room 2107

**Note:** The GMT offset above does not reflect daylight saving time adjustments.

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DOJ Criminal Division POC: (b) (6)

ATF POC: (b) (6)@

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**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2010 1:24 PM  
**To:** All Phoenix Exchange  
**Subject:** U.S. Border Patrol Agent killed in the line of duty

A U.S. Border Patrol agent, Brian A. Terry, 40, was shot and killed north of the Arizona-Mexico border while trying to catch bandits who target illegal immigrants. Terry, working as part of a BORTAC unit, was waiting with three other agents in a remote area north of Nogales, Ariz., late Tuesday night when a gunfight with the bandits began. No other agents were injured, but one of the suspects was wounded in the shootout. Terry was shot in the back and was pronounced dead at approximately 4:00 AM today.

The FBI is investigating the shooting. Four suspects are in custody [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

ATF Tucson personnel are assisting with the follow-up investigation and will be assisting with a search of the area. A firearm in the custody of the FBI is currently being traced.

**George T. Gillett**  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
ATF - Phoenix Field Division  
Office [REDACTED]

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2010 7:45 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** Gillett, George T. Jr.; Needles, James R.  
**Subject:** U.S. Border Patrol Agent killed in the line of duty - Two firearms recovered by ATF

The two firearms recovered by ATF this afternoon near Rio Rico, Arizona, in conjunction with the shooting death of U.S. Border Patrol agent Terry were identified as 'Suspect Guns' in the Fast and Furious investigation 785115-10-0004.

The firearms are identified as follows:

Romarm/CUGIR, 762 rifle, Model GP WASR 10/63, serial number [REDACTED]  
 Romarm/CUGIR, 762 rifle, Model GP WASR 10/63, serial number [REDACTED]

(b) (7)(C) contact me late this afternoon requesting Intel assistance in the tracing of two recovered firearms.

I initiated an urgent firearms trace requests on both of the firearms and then contacted the NTC to ensure the traces were conducted today.

I was advised by the NTC that the firearms were entered into ATF Suspect Gun database by SA (b) (7)(C) and associated to the Fast and Furious investigation. The NTC further advised that on

(b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A) & (C)

(b)(3) (Public Law 111-117) & (7)(A) & (C) [REDACTED]. I am researching the trace status of the firearms recovered earlier today by the FBI.

Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me.

(b) (7)(C) Senior IRS  
 Acting Intel Group Supervisor

[REDACTED]  
 - Direct  
 - Mobile  
 - Fax

**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2010 11:24 AM  
**To:** All Phoenix Exchange  
**Subject:** U.S. Border Patrol Agent killed in the line of duty

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**George T. Gillett**  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
ATF - Phoenix Field Division  
Office: [REDACTED]



**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2010 2:39 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Re: U.S. Border Patrol Agent killed in the line of duty

Reach out to (b) (7)(C)  
 George T. Gillett  
 ASAC - Phoenix Field Division  
 Cell: [REDACTED]

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Wed Dec 15 14:38:32 2010  
**Subject:** Re: U.S. Border Patrol Agent killed in the line of duty

George,

I'm here in Tucson today if anyone needs any help?

(b) (7)(C)

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**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**To:** All Phoenix Exchange  
**Sent:** Wed Dec 15 13:23:58 2010  
**Subject:** U.S. Border Patrol Agent killed in the line of duty

A U.S. Border Patrol agent, Brian A. Terry, 40, was shot and killed north of the Arizona-Mexico border while trying to catch bandits who target illegal immigrants. Terry, working as part of a BORTAC unit, was waiting with three other agents in a remote area north of Nogales, Ariz., late Tuesday night when a gunfight with the bandits began. No other agents were injured, but one of the suspects was wounded in the shootout. Terry was shot in the back and was pronounced dead at approximately 4:00 AM today.

The FBI is investigating the shooting. Four suspects are in custody [REDACTED]

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**George T. Gillett**  
 Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
 ATF - Phoenix Field Division  
 Office: [REDACTED]

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 16, 2010 5:11 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: FYI...complaint for (b) (7)(C) signed by federal magistrate judge

(b) (7)(C)

Just a heads up...

The FBI has been asking for the trace info on the 2 recovered guns, as part of their investigation. After discussion with George, I met with (b) (7)(C) supervisory Special Agent (FBI) and gave her the basics on the trace results and how it ties into a PHX ATF case.

I explained (b) (7)(A) & (C)

I also explained that he was part of a larger investigation ATF was conducting and that their SAC had been briefed, in the past, by our SAC.

She wanted to know the name of the case agent for the PHX case. I suggested she call you if she wished to garner more information regarding the PHX investigation. I don't know that she will call, but I wanted to give you a heads up.

THX

(b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 16, 2010 2:18 PM  
**To:** Newell, William D.; Needles, James R.; Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FYI...complaint for (b) (7)(C) signed by federal magistrate judge

(b) (7)(C)

Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**From:** (b) (7)(C) [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 21, 2010 3:39 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: scanned copies per your request

I know the FBI is more guarded then other agencies with Op-Sec issues, but needless to say these documents are "Law Enforcement Sensitive." The reports I sent are part of a [REDACTED] case scheduled to be indicted in January 2011 by the USAO and ATF. I know my ATF SAC as briefed your FBI SAC but I thought it still worth mentioning.

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**From:** (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 21, 2010 3:35 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** RE: scanned copies per your request

Received...thank you.

Pete

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(b) (7)(C)  
Intelligence Analyst  
FBI Phoenix

[REDACTED] - desk  
[REDACTED] - 80

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**From:** (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 21, 2010 3:32 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** scanned copies per your request

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**From:** Needles, James R.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 11, 2010 11:32 AM  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Subject:** RE: AUSA Meeting

**Categories:** Red Category, Green Category

FYI...I just spoke with ICE ASAC (b) (6) and invited he and (b) (6) who is now the supervisor of the group that (b) (6) has been working with. They are going to attend.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 11, 2010 6:35 AM  
**To:** Needles, James R.  
**Subject:** Re: AUSA Meeting

Bring up "cross border" prosecutions again using Arizona AGs office and PGR rep Bill Newell Special Agent in Charge ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)  
Cell: (b) (6)

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Needles, James R.  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Wed Aug 11 09:27:13 2010  
**Subject:** AUSA Meeting

Myself and (b) (6) are meeting this morning with several supervisory level AUSAs to "brainstorm" and discuss possible prosecution strategies for "firearms to Mexico" investigations. If there are any topics/ideas/questions etc. You would like for me to discuss let me know.

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**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Monday, March 01, 2010 12:59 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C)  
**CC:** (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) (USAAZ)  
**Subject:** RE: Firearms Investigation

(b) (7)(C)

The investigation you are referring to has been dubbed, "The Fast and Furious." This is an approved OCDETF investigation. I will have group supervisor (b) (7)(C) coordinate with you to meet on this investigation. There is a briefing scheduled at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 5, at ATF Headquarters on this and other active, southwest border investigations. It may be most effective (if your schedule permits) to attend this briefing. However, I will have (b) (7)(C) contact you on your cell phone to coordinate a meeting with you before the briefing so you can be completely up to speed.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions/concerns.

**George T. Gillett**  
 Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
 ATF - Phoenix Field Division  
 [REDACTED]

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 01, 2010 10:43 AM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr. (b) (7)(C)  
**Cc:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Firearms Investigation

Gentlemen,

At the request of ATF Headquarters, Gang Unit has agreed to assist in the Firearms trafficking into Mexico investigations. Earlier this year, I was assigned to this task. I just finished up a trial last week and I am now available to provide any assistance needed. I understand that the case agent working out the Phoenix Office is (b) (7)(C) I could not find her in the email directory. Please have her contact me at her earliest convenience.

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)  
 Trial Attorney  
 Gang Unit  
 Department of Justice  
 950 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., [REDACTED]  
 Washington, DC 20530  
 [REDACTED]

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**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2010 4:37 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C) (USAAZ)  
**Subject:** FW: OCDETF Proposal  
**Attachments:** The Fast and The Furious.doc; The Fast and The Furious narrative.doc  
**Categories:** IG, Fast and Furious

Hello (b) (7)(C)

Just a friendly reminder that ATF ASAC Needles is no longer the point of contact for OCDETF matters. I have assumed those responsibilities. Obviously, I have this proposal. However, are there any others that will be considered at the meeting tomorrow?

Thanks! And, I'll see you at the meeting.

**George T. Gillett**  
Assistant Special Agent in Charge  
ATF - Phoenix Field Division  
Office: (602) 776-5400

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**From:** (b) (7)(C) [mailto:(b) (7)(C)]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2010 1:47 PM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Subject:** FW: OCDETF Proposal

Senor,

Can you have (b) (7)(C) as a case agent on the OCDETF proposal (b) (7)(C)?

(b) (7)(C)

*Immigration and Customs Enforcement*

*Office of Investigations*

*Asst. Special Agent in Charge*

*Phoenix, Arizona*

(b) (7)(C)

(b) (7)(C)

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**From:** (b) (7)(C) (USAAZ) [mailto:(b) (7)(C)]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2010 7:24 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C) IRS; (b) (7)(C) ICE; ASAC Jim Needles - ATF; (b) (7)(C) DEA; (b) (7)(C) ICE; (b) (7)(C) FBI; (b) (7)(C) USMS; First Assistant U.S. Atty; (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) Asset Forfeiture IRS; (b) (7)(C) asset forfeiture IRS; (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) USMS; (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) USA Burke; (b) (7)(C) USAAZ; (b) (7)(C) PPD  
**Subject:** OCDETF Proposal

Good morning. Attached is another proposal which will be scheduled for tomorrow's 9:30 a.m. meeting.

Thank you.

(b) (7)(C)

*OCDETF Paralegal Specialist and  
Legal Assistant for:  
AUSA (b) (7)(C)  
Section Chief OCDETF/Asset Forfeiture  
direct line (b) (7)(C)  
Fax (602) 514-7537*

**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Friday, March 12, 2010 10:41 AM  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**CC:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** FW: Traveling in to Phoenix for upcoming T-II

Bill –

PVI - I plan to attend.

**George T. Gillett**  
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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 11, 2010 6:21 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
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**Cc:** Phoe-Group VII; (b) (7)(C) [DEA-US]; Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Subject:** Traveling in to Phoenix for upcoming T-II

To All;

First of all I want to thank everyone for assisting on this case.

Travel dates will be Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Please arrange your travel plans to be in Phoenix, AZ on Monday, March 15, 2010 at **17:00 (5:00pm)** for a briefing on the case and minimization by the AUSA. For those agents traveling from out of State it is requested that you fly in and rent a car (with GPS) as opposed to driving your government vehicle for this detail. There **will** be more information to follow but this should allow people to start making arrangement. Please code any/all travel documents to OCADETF - **Operation Fast and Furious**. Please submit your DCN request to my attention and I will forward accordingly.

Currently no out of town agents are going to be required to work on Monday, March 15, 2010. This will be a travel/prep day to allow everyone to get up to speed and be ready to work their assigned shift starting Tuesday, March 16, 2010. We will have an ATF agent present to allow access as this is a controlled access building since we are housed at the OCADETF Strike Force.

**Briefing/Minimization location:**

**3010 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street,  
Phoenix, AZ 85012.**

I appreciate everyone's willingness to assist. We are currently in the process of finalizing the schedule and will be sending it out soon.

Thanks in advance,

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Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII  
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**From:** (b) (6)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2011 3:47 PM  
**To:** Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Burton, Faith (SMO); Hoover, William J.; McDermond, James E.; Melson, Kenneth E.; Smith, Brad (ODAG); Weich, Ron (SMO); Agrast, Mark D. (SMO)  
**CC:** Gaston, Molly (SMO); Gonzales, Mary (OLA)  
**Subject:** RE: Revised Grassley letter

One of our public affairs guys got word that Grassley's office is telling media that "there may be something to this" because ATF is not answering. Are we still planning to get the letter out today?

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**To:** Burton, Faith (SMO); Hoover, William J.; Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); (b) (6); Pings, Anne (USAE0); McDermond, James E.; Melson, Kenneth E.; Johnson, Deborah (SMO); Smith, Brad (ODAG); Colborn, Paul P (SMO)  
**Cc:** Gaston, Molly (SMO); Gonzales, Mary (OLA)  
**Subject:** Revised Grassley letter

Attached is a revised draft of a letter to Sen. Grassley. Please take a look and let us know if this version is OK with you.

Faith is tied up in a meeting, but she asks that ATF reach out to Grassley's staff to let them know that we'll be sending a response shortly (we expect tomorrow, but shouldn't say that specifically) and that you look forward to briefing them on Gunrunner.

Thanks.

Jason

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**From:** McMahon, William G.  
**Sent:** Friday, April 23, 2010 10:27 AM  
**To:** Webb, J. Dewey; Champion, Robert R.; Newell, William D.; Torres, John A.  
**Cc:** Chait, Mark R.; (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Fw: TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH DOJ ON APRIL 23, 2010  
**Attachments:** SWB Issues Paper for EAD Hoover regarding ICE and CBP.docx

**Categories:** Green Category

Guys,

Thanks for your help in putting together this document for Billy's meeting today.

I hope the issues you have laid out have been addressed or attempted to be addressed with your counterparts there locally.

Thanks again,

Bill

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**Sent:** Thu Apr 22 18:36:13 2010  
**Subject:** TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH DOJ ON APRIL 23, 2010  
Billy:

Please let me know if the attached document meets your needs.

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Chief, Firearms Enforcement Programs  
National Southwest Border Coordinator

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The following summary was compiled on April 22, 2010 as a result of information provided by the Los Angeles, Phoenix, Houston and Dallas Field Divisions. This document highlights some of the significant issues that ATF continues to face regarding our relationship with ICE and CBP.

- The Houston Division reports that on the whole most interagency issues are resolved cooperatively. However, some disputes/disagreements concerning tactics when working firearms trafficking cases continue. Specifically, in the Houston Division ATF and ICE have disagreed about the necessity of following suspected traffickers to the border when GCA violations have already been established. For instance, when a felon or illegal alien is the suspected trafficker and is in possession of firearms. The Houston Division believes that (b) (5)

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- The Houston Division also reports that when cases are taken to the border and CBP affects an arrest they (CBP) on occasion conduct unilateral press/media releases without coordinating with ATF and/or ICE. (b) (7)(E)

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- The Houston Division reports that in the Brownville, TX area ICE has attempted to contact firearms manufacturers instead of initiating traces through ATF claiming that the trace process takes too long. (b) (7)(E)

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- The Los Angeles Division reports that ICE continues to violate the terms of the e-trace and interagency MOUs, specifically by failing to de-conflict investigations initiated as a result of firearms tracing information and by tracing firearms that do not meet the definition of crime guns. (b) (5)

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(b) (7)(E). This results in the submission of duplicate traces and firearms identification errors which in turn results in inaccurate trace results and/or delays in tracing firearms.
- ICE continues to work firearms cases even in circumstances where their jurisdiction is dubious. In a recent incident involving the seizure of a firearm at a border crossing near El Centro, CA, ICE complained that ATF had stolen evidence. The case was initiated when ATF was contacted by the USAO after CBP contacted the USAO for a prosecutive opinion after a suspected prohibited person (felon) attempting to bring a firearm into the

U.S. without ATF authorization (unlawful import). In the spirit of cooperation ATF contacted ICE and responded to the border crossing to determine the facts and interview the suspect. ICE conducted the interview of the suspect in Spanish and advised ATF that they were going to pursue smuggling charges as a result of the incident. ATF subsequently learned from the USAO that ICE was in fact charging two GCA violations and that there were factual errors in the complaint. ATF worked with the USAO and ICE to correct the errors in the complaint. Since GCA violations were being charged ATF took possession of the firearm from CBP and contacted ICE regarding their actions. Again, in the spirit of cooperation ATF permitted ICE to be the affiant on the complaint despite the fact that no charges in ICE's jurisdiction were included in the charging document. ICE subsequently made an issue of the custody of the firearm claiming that ATF had stolen evidence in the case. The matter was resolved; however, it appears that a lack of trust between the agencies and ICE's refusal to respect ATF jurisdiction was the root cause of the allegation.

- The Dallas Division reports that at a gun show in Tulsa, OK, an individual later determined to be an ICE agent abruptly interrupted a firearms transaction involving an FFL. (b) (7)(E)

The ICE agent returned the identification document(s) to the customer without saying anything further to the customer or FFL. As the ICE agent walked away the FFL chased him down and determined he was an ICE agent. The FFL contacted ATF to complain about the incident. The FFL stated that he initially thought the ICE agent was in fact an ATF agent.

- In another incident in Tulsa, ATF received a phone call from an ICE agent stating that they had arrested an illegal alien at a gun show and needed ATF to provide proof of interstate movement of the firearm. After examining the "firearm" ATF determined the weapon to be a black powder firearm. Fortunately, ICE was able to charge the immigration violation.
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- In Tulsa, ICE attempted to present a case for prosecution as a result of a suspected false statement on a 4473. ATF had already prepared a case on the same suspect based on the same facts. Fortunately, the USAO realized that ATF had already presented this case for prosecution and declined the ICE case.
- The Phoenix Division reports that its relationship with ICE in New Mexico is good and that things are improving in the Phoenix area due to collocation at the OCDETF strike force.
- The Mexico Country Office reports they have an excellent relationship with ICE in Mexico City and Monterrey. However, ICE in Mexico states they are under pressure from their HQ to make gun cases. ICE personnel in Ciudad Juarez and Hermosillo

continue to present problems, particularly with regard to the tracing of firearms. The tracing issue generally involves the submission of duplicate traces and/or misidentified firearms. The ATF MCO provided an example from our "Fast and Furious" case in which ATF, ICE and CENAPI all attempted to trace the same firearm. Only ATF submitted the trace request properly. (b) (5)

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**Project Gunrunner**  
**Talking Points Prepared for Director Melson**  
**For the Border and Immigration Law Subcommittee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 17, 2010**  
**Washington, DC**

**Background:**

- Through Project Gunrunner, implemented in 2006 as ATF's southwest border strategy, ATF works in conjunction with its domestic and international law enforcement partners to identify, disrupt and dismantle the firearms trafficking infrastructure of criminal organizations operating in Mexico, along the border, and other areas in the U.S.
- The cornerstone of Project Gunrunner is intelligence-driven firearms trafficking investigations. ATF gathers intelligence from FFL's, ballistic and forensic analysis, and tracing data, in addition to using traditional intelligence sources and methods. This information is shared with our partners from DEA, ICE, CBP, and our Mexican counterparts to form a multi-layered approach to disrupting firearms trafficking and drug-related violence.
- Gun trafficking to Mexico is a nationwide problem, and Project Gunrunner has targeted and prosecuted firearms trafficking organizations in all parts of the United States, from Minnesota to Florida to all our border states, where ATF criminal intelligence and tracing data has provided valuable leads used in identifying individuals and organizations providing firearms to the Mexican drug cartels.
- Project Gunrunner's objective is to deny Mexican drug cartels the "tools of the trade," which they employ to murder civilians, as well as political and law enforcement figures, in order to strengthen their grip on the lucrative drug and firearms routes into and out of the United States.
- To this end, the Administration has looked to ATF to find solutions to shut down the firearms trafficking organizations affiliated with the Mexican cartels, and to reduce the violence associated with cartel activity on both sides of the border.
- ATF has, based on its combined regulatory and criminal enforcement authorities, the unique expertise required to investigate domestic and international weapons trafficking, and the unparalleled capabilities and resources to develop actionable intelligence regarding the illegal trafficking of firearms and explosives.
- These resources are all brought to bear in Project Gunrunner.

**Statistics:**

- Today, there are nearly 4,500 active Project Gunrunner investigations throughout the United States.
- Since its inception in 2006, ATF's Project Gunrunner investigations have seized over 10,000 firearms and nearly one million rounds of ammunition destined for Mexico.
- **In fiscal year 2009 ATF referred 355 cases and 686 defendants for prosecution under Project Gunrunner.**
- For FY 2010 (through the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter) IOIs in the 4 SWB field divisions (Dallas, Houston, Phoenix and Los Angeles) reviewed approximately 285,744 ATF Forms 4473 and made 359 investigative referrals to eriminal enforcement and other state and local agencies.

**Expansion:**

- In 2009, ATF established new offices dedicated to Project Gunrunner firearms trafficking investigations in McAllen, Texas, El Centro, California, and Las Cruces, New Mexico, including a satellite office in Roswell, New Mexico. ATF also added new Gunrunner teams in Phoenix and Houston.
- In September 2010, ATF announced plans to expand its Project Gunrunner footprint by opening additional Gunrunner offices in Sierra Vista, AZ; Brownsville and Dallas, TX; Las Vegas, NV; Oklahoma City, OK; Atlanta, GA; and Miami, FL.
- These new Gunrunner offices are based both on ATF tracing and intelligence data, and that of National Drug Intelligence Center (NDIC) data confirming Mexican cartel centers of activity in the United States.
- As of August 2010, ATF has 224 special agents, 165 IOIs and 32 support staff assigned to Project Gunrunner in the four contiguous Southwest Border States. Additional expansion plans for Mexico include the opening of three new offices in Hermosillo, Guadalajara and Mérida, and adding additional investigative and analytical staff to the ATF Country Office in Mexico City.
- ATF plans to upgrade the Country Attaché in Mexico City, to an SES 1811 position.
- The elevation of this Country Attaché, the ongoing expansion of ATF offices and personnel in Mexico, and a reorganization of the MCO to more closely resemble the structure of a domestic field division, will allow ATF to more effectively fulfill its mission as the primary U.S. agency responsible for stopping the illegal flow of firearms from the U.S. to Mexico. The SES-level Attaché will work closely with ATF

International Affairs Office, the Southwest Border SACs, Mexican military and law enforcement officials, and others on matters pertaining to firearms trafficking to Mexico.

**Investigative Successes**

#### **Houston GRIT**

- In April 2009, ATF developed the Gun Runner Impact Team (GRIT) initiative as a supplemental initiative to Project Gunrunner to aggressively target and disrupt groups and organizations responsible for the trafficking of firearms to Mexico. The GRIT initiative, designed to be intelligence driven and investigative in nature, focused on investigating a large number of firearms trafficking leads based on trace information from firearms recovered in Mexico, the majority of which are sourced in the Houston Field Division area. In support of GRIT, ATF deployed approximately 100 law enforcement, industry operations, analytical, legal, technical and administrative support personnel, investigative equipment, and other resources to the Houston Field Division for 120 days.
- As of August 29, 2009, the Houston GRIT initiative had successfully investigated over 700 existing leads and developed over 400 new leads during the operation, for a total of over 1,100 leads investigated. **A total of 276 new criminal cases were initiated; 103 of these cases were referred for prosecution** including 72 firearms trafficking cases. The total cases involved **189 defendants**, of which 150 were associated with trafficking cases with an estimated 644 firearms trafficked. As a result of the GRIT initiative, ATF seized 443 firearms, 141,442 rounds of ammunition, three blasting caps, \$165,234 in currency, over 5 kilograms of cocaine, 2 grams of methamphetamine, and 1,500 pounds of marijuana. ATF also provided information to Federal, State, and local law enforcement partners that resulted in the seizure of an additional 171 firearms, for a total of 614 firearms removed from the streets.
- During the initiative, Industry Operations Investigators completed nearly 1,100 inspections, issued over 440 violations, and recommended 78 adverse actions. They provided FFLs with ATF publications about firearms trafficking along the Southwest Border, nonimmigrant aliens purchasing firearms and ammunition, and how to identify suspicious buyers that may be straw purchasers or traffickers. In this regard, Project Gunrunner dovetailed perfectly with ATF's "*Don't Lie for the Other Guy*" informational campaign.

#### **Phoenix GRIT:**

- In May 2010, ATF deployed approximately 80 special agents, industry operations investigators, intelligence research specialists, and support personnel to the Phoenix Field division for a 100-day GRIT operation. These personnel were deployed in order to have an immediate and significant impact on the escalating violence related to the trafficking of firearms from Arizona into Mexico. The GRIT personnel, combined with Phoenix Field Division (PFD) personnel, multiplied ATF's ability to bring together its firearms trafficking investigative expertise, along with its regulatory authority and strategic partnerships to combat violence along the Southwest Border.



- As a result of the GRIT initiative, the Phoenix Field Division generated over **174 cases**. A total of 27 cases and **66 defendants were forwarded for prosecution** during the GRIT initiative. ATF seized 1,285 firearms, 71,774 rounds of ammunition, 2 blasting caps, 11 silencers, \$7,763.00 in currency, and a substantial amount of narcotics.
- ATF Industry Operations Investigators (IOI's) were able to inspect virtually every FFL who had not been inspected in the Phoenix's Maricopa County and the Tucson areas within the past five years. ATF IOIs completed 806 inspections, recommended 110 adverse actions, reviewed 56,117 transaction forms, verified FFL records for 43,359 firearms, and made 108 referrals to law enforcement. A total of 69 FFLs surrendered their license during this period.

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#### Deployment of eTrace in Mexico

- eTrace provides for the electronic exchange of crime gun incident-related data in a secure Web-based environment. eTrace allows law enforcement officials to electronically submit their trace requests to ATF, monitor the progress of traces, retrieve completed trace results, and to query firearm trace related data in a real-time environment.
- Over 50 countries around the world trace firearms through ATF, and approximately 30 countries utilize the full benefits of eTrace.
- In December 2009, ATF deployed a Spanish version of eTrace to Mexico. This will improve Mexico's law enforcement tracing results and will assist Mexican authorities in developing investigative leads in their native language.

- In addition, eTrace will enable ATF and Mexican authorities to timely share intelligence and investigative leads, and undertake joint action in the investigations of cross-border firearms traffickers.
- ATF continues to work with the Government of Mexico to make firearms tracing in that country more comprehensive, thereby ensuring the accurate tracing of all known recovered/seized firearms.
- In addition to the deployment of eTrace, ATF concurrently is providing capacity building training to Mexican authorities, specific to their needs. These initiatives include:
  1. Firearms and explosives identification training
  2. Post-blast investigation and render safe explosives training
  3. Serial number restoration
  4. Canine operations training
- Since 2009 ATF has tripled its staffing in Mexico, to include opening five additional offices in U.S. consulates.

#### **Explosives Investigation and Collaboration**

- Mexican cartels are more frequently resorting to the placement of vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices (VBIED's) or other sophisticated explosive devices designed to target and kill law enforcement first responders.
- ATF has partnered with the Government of Mexico to form the **Combined Explosives Investigation Team (CEIT)**. This effort leverages ATF's world-class expertise in explosive incident investigations whereby a joint response to explosive scenes or recoveries can result in the timely and proper post-blast investigation and collection of vital evidence.
- ATF personnel attached to the CEIT's are specialist Explosive Enforcement Officers (EEO's), physically located in various U.S. consular offices throughout Mexico. This allows broader coverage and a more rapid response wherever the scenes may be.

#### **Dialogue On Working With the U.S. Attorney Offices**

- ATF surveyed its four Southwest border field divisions (Dallas, Houston, Phoenix, and Los Angeles) to gather information regarding opportunities for improving prosecutorial support for firearms trafficking investigations and identified best practices.
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- ATF is keenly aware of the resource difficulties of the respective U.S. Attorney's Offices, however, given the invitation to open a dialogue on how the USAO's could better support ATF and Project Gunrunner, the following points are offered:

- In Arizona, there has been a reluctance to charge straw purchasers due to the “corpus delicti” issue. USAO opinion is that since the guns are in Mexico the primary “evidence” of the crime for jury appeal purposes is no longer available for introduction in judicial proceedings in U.S. ATF has suggested that with a confession, FFL testimony, ATF F 4473, and the ability of an ATF agent to testify to the existence of the firearm(s) in Mexico, we meet the burden of proof. The USAO and ATF have disagreed over the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit case law (Lopez-Alvarez, 1992), which we feel supports our point of view. ATF recently had a favorable ruling by a Federal Judge in Las Cruces in a straw purchasing case that allowed ATF to testify that the gun(s) we alleged were straw purchased did in fact end up in Mexico (recovery circumstance could not be discussed due to prejudicial issues). The USAO has admitted it has been very conservative on this issue and has discussed loosening its guidelines.

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- Utilize available sentencing enhancements based on the volume of firearms trafficked.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 6:58 PM  
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**Subject:** Directive from DAG Related to DOJ Policy on Firearms Investigations

I understand none of you are currently working in an enforcement group. I only want you to be aware of the directive below that relates to firearm investigations with a nexus to Mexico.

Thank you.

**Special Agent** (b) (7)(C)  
**Division Operations Officer**  
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**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2011 7:42 AM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C) (b) (7)(C) (FBI); (b) (7)(C)  
**Subject:** Firearms cases

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Thanks

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They just figured that out huh? They have to be the dumbest smart people I have ever met

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**Sent:** Tue Mar 15 19:15:37 2011  
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Wow!!!!

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My response to the new policy, see below...

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Using prejudice and stereotypes from other parts of the country, yeah no sh\*t!!

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**Sent:** Saturday, March 12, 2011 4:34 PM  
**To:** (b) (7)(C) FBI  
**Subject:** Re:

U will b missed but we will survive. Besides I don't know much longer ill b in gr vii. (b) (6)  
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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sat Mar 12 16:28:27 2011  
**Subject:** Re:

Hey (b) (7)(C) sorry at lunch not clear to talk...I'll fill you in, staffing issues not as easy as would seem. We r occdef bodies...criminal program demolished w/911 so squads very short, 5 seperate career paths that are staffed & a lot of violations covered, you know how goes ...long story, too much for text! we'll chat!! Hugs

**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sat Mar 12 16:10:53 2011  
**Subject:** Re:

Well u kinda wanted to leave anyways so I guess this made it easier for you. Hopefully u can get to the squad u wanted to go to. I am surprised that fbi is claiming staffing shortages. There r probably more fbi sa in chicago than atf has nationwide...good luck 2 u and let me know if u need anything.

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**From:** (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
**Sent:** Sat Mar 12 16:00:34 2011  
**Subject:** Re:

Hey big (b) (7)(C) I replied to your txt, you must not have received it... Thanks...I'm pretty disappointed in how it turned out & the unfortunate circumstances surrounding our presence there since inception, though I can't say I'm surprised they pulled us. I'll fill you in when we all get together... & it's definitely nothing to do with F&F, just our agency issues, staffing, etc...I'll still be working the two cases w/you guys, they committed to keeping me attached for both. & depending on where I end up, hopefully I will continue to work more cases w/u guys ;) thinking could have good nexus to maintain if it all pans out ok... I'm trying to remain positive for now, as all hasn't shaken out yet. I really enjoy working w/you guys, so you're not getting rid of me just yet lol! We'll catch up & I'll give you the 411...it's been a long dramatic week lol! Don't fret on the other stuff & try to breathe & enjoy your weekend!! We'll get it all set & will smooth out!

From: (b) (7)(C)  
To: (b) (7)(C)  
Sent: Sat Mar 12 10:55:27 2011  
Subject:

(b) (7)(C)

I tried texting u but I don't know if it was sent. I am truly sorry they r pulling u guys out of the strike force. we should all try to get together soon. I have no doubt the final straw was atf's failure with the f and f (b) (7)(C)

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**From:** Hoover, William J.

**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:21 PM

**To:** Monaco, Lisa (ODAG) (SMO); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Burton, Faith (SMO); Weich, Ron (SMO); Smith, Brad (ODAG); Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Colborn, Paul P (SMO); Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG)

**CC:** Gaston, Molly (SMO); Gonzales, Mary (OLA); Melson, Kenneth E.

**Subject:** RE: Revised draft letter to Grassley per input received from all - hope this is ready. Thanks. FB

We are standing by to answer any questions that you have.

Thank you,

Billy

William J. Hoover

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives

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**From:** Monaco, Lisa (ODAG) [mailto:(b) (7)(C)]

**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2011 7:17 PM

**To:** Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Burton, Faith (SMO); Weich, Ron (SMO); Smith, Brad (ODAG); Hoover, William J.; Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Colborn, Paul P (SMO); Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG)

**Cc:** Gaston, Molly (SMO); Gonzales, Mary (OLA)

**Subject:** Re: Revised draft letter to Grassley per input received from all - hope this is ready. Thanks. FB

Dennis, Billy - I agree we need to have a strong and accurate response. Toward that end, we've got some additional questions that we just asked Brad to run down with you and Billy so we can get this out tomorrow. So he will be circling back with you guys.

Thanks

Lisa

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**From:** Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)

**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2011 06:55 PM

**To:** Burton, Faith (SMO); Monaco, Lisa (ODAG); Weich, Ron (SMO); Smith, Brad (ODAG); Hoover, William J. (ATF); Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Colborn, Paul P (SMO)

**Cc:** Gaston, Molly (SMO); Gonzales, Mary (OLA)

**Subject:** RE: Revised draft letter to Grassley per input received from all - hope this is ready. Thanks. FB

Fine by me. Thanks for sharing.

Please send soon. Every version gets weaker. We will be apologizing to him by tomorrow afternoon.

Dennis

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**From:** Burton, Faith (SMO)

**Sent:** Thursday, February 03, 2011 3:56 PM

**To:** Monaco, Lisa (ODAG) (SMO); Weich, Ron (SMO); Smith, Brad (ODAG) (SMO); Hoover, William J. (ATF); Weinstein, Jason (CRM); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Colborn, Paul P (SMO)

**Cc:** Gaston, Molly (SMO); Gonzales, Mary (OLA) (SMO)

**Subject:** Revised draft letter to Grassley per input received from all - hope this is ready. Thanks. FB

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**Alvarez, Greg (OIP)**

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**From:** Hoover, William J. (ATF)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2011 9:05 PM  
**To:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Melson, Kenneth E. (ATF)  
**Subject:** Re: ATF OPR request for interview

Sure. Let us know when you have the time.

Billy

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**From:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.; Hoover, William J.  
**Sent:** Tue Mar 22 20:06:39 2011  
**Subject:** RE: ATF OPR request for interview  
 We forgot to discuss this today. Can we do so tomorrow sometime?

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**From:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2011 8:36 PM  
**To:** Melson, Kenneth E. (ATF); Hoover, William J. (ATF)  
**Subject:** RE: ATF OPR request for interview

Of course. Looking forward to seeing your shop.

Matt

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**From:** Melson, Kenneth E. (ATF)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2011 8:19 PM  
**To:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Hoover, William J. (ATF)  
**Subject:** Re: ATF OPR request for interview

Can we discuss it at tomorrow's meeting? Ken

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**From:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.; Hoover, William J.  
**Sent:** Mon Mar 21 19:40:22 2011  
**Subject:** FW: ATF OPR request for interview  
 Ken/Billy,

Any thoughts on how this ATF OPR inquiry will/should be coordinated with the OIG inquiry?

Matt

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**From:** Weinstein, Jason (CRM)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 21, 2011 4:39 PM  
**To:** Margolis, David (SMO); Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)

**Cc:** Raman, Mythili (CRM); Trusty, James (CRM); Jaffe, David (CRM)  
**Subject:** ATF OPR request for interview

Dave and "Matty" – I mean, "Ax":

An agent from ATF's OPR is asking to interview (b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

We obviously want to cooperate with the ATF's internal investigation, but because of the connections to Fast and Furious/Gunrunner, we wanted to make sure you were aware of it. Let us know if you have any questions or need more information.

Thanks.

Jason

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**Alvarez, Greg (OIP)**

**From:** Melson, Kenneth E. (ATF) on behalf of Melson, Kenneth E. (ATF) [/o=GSD/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=Ken.Melson-ATF]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 20, 2011 3:28 PM  
**To:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG); Hoover, William J. (ATF)  
**Subject:** RE: Interaction with the IG's staff

**(b) (5), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)**

**From:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) [mailto:(b) (6)]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 20, 2011 12:18 PM  
**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.; Hoover, William J.  
**Subject:** Interaction with the IG's staff

Ken/Billy,

**(b) (5)**  
**(b) (5)** Can you remind me what that was about (in the next hour if at all possible)? Thanks.

Matt

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