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Subject: Case Update

IRS Referral – Spoke with IRS SA Meadrano. They have an open case involving FFL Ronald Segal who has structured close to \$300k between November 2008-August 2009, all cash. She wanted to know if we had any open investigations involving Segal possibly trafficking. We do not. Segal was a victim of FFL burglary in November 2008 (Open ATF IN #785045-09-0028). He was inspected during October 2009. No violations noted. Between Oct. 2008-Oct. 2009, he acquired approx. 3600 f/a's and disposed of approx. 3100 f/a's. Majority of his sales are from long guns. All 45 of his Forward Trace Initiatives f/a's obtained during this time were properly recorded in his A&D book. He has had 63 f/a's traced to his FFL over the past year. Plan is to identify location where f/a's recovered i.e. Mexico or US. I spoke with Acting AS Rivera who confirmed that there has been a huge increase in business with FFL's since November 2008. \$300k divided by 3100 breaks down to roughly \$97 per f/a. Based on gathered intel, there is nothing at this time to suggest that Segal is involved in any type of trafficking and specifically to Mexico.

ICE Referral – Obtained reports. ICE CI intro'd ICE SA to target known as "El Chico" who claimed that he deals f/a's and can get anything. UC initially believed "El Chico" to be subject named Ruben Esperiqueta. UC bought 9 guns from "El Chico". UC identified him at that time as Ruben's brother, Douglas Benitez. No further purchases have been made. Ran background on all subjects. Both Ruben and Douglas are prohibited. 3 of 9 f/a's sold have been traced back to purchaser name Angel Garcia. Garcia bought 3 AK's on 10/24/09 and 5 more on 10/25/09 from [redacted] ATF Those 4473's have been obtained. Plan is to identify and interview straw purchasers. Debrief their CI. Open general case.

DEA – 23 yoa Hispanic male. Has purchased total of 19 F'n's and Ak's since 11/01/09 from 3 diff. FFL's. Ran background check. Waiting on video from FFL's and 447's from Cabela's. No recoveries so far. Plan is to open general, place f/a's in suspect guns.

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Will do.

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Let us know if we can go up on wires down here

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Lots. [redacted] We have apparently run ourselves into a DEA [redacted] and based on their cooperation should be able to spin up on our own faster than anticipated. We have had several recoveries in addition to the NACO seizure, one in Nogales, AZ, Douglas AZ and the Mexicali seizure on the 9th. 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!

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Anything new on the case?

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