

From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 12:57 PM
To: Newell, William D.; Gillett, George T. Jr.; ATF
Subject: RE: USBP

10-4. We are aborting our CI Buy /Walk for this AM and heading down to Nogales shortly.
We will keep you in the loop.
Thanks for the support.
Mike

From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 10:48 AM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.; ATF
Subject: Re: USBP

Agree with George completely. Send every available body and provide as much assistance as possible. George is correct also in that I want an ATF supervisor on-scene coordinating and directing our efforts. Also, pls confirm asap if the gun has been traced. If you need additional bodies let George know asap.

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
To: ATF
Cc: Newell, William D.
Sent: Wed Dec 15 12:44:55 2010
Subject: RE: USBP

Absolutely. I spoke with ATF about this. I also understand that you will be down there. I want an ATF supervisor on site and our personnel answering to us. Please keep me in the loop on developments and/or plans. I will be on my cell for a bit this afternoon.

Thanks!

George

From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 10:21 AM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: USBP

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From:**To:** McMahon, William G.**Subject:** FW: OCDETF Proposal**Attachments:** The Fast and The Furious.doc; The Fast and The Furious narrative.doc

Bill Newell

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ATF**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2010 11:26 AM**To:** Newell, William D.**Subject:** FW: OCDETF Proposal

Bill --

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is OCDETF proposal was unanimously passed today at the USAO. This investigation is currently engaging

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We'll

coordinate with ATF Counsel and the USAO regarding review of the [REDACTED] Purchases have significantly slowed for now as the "straws" are waiting for a significant cash infusion to make some "large" purchases, whatever those might be.

George T. Gillett

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From:

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Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 1:34 PM

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Attachments: SWB Briefing Paper - January 24, 2011.docx

Good afternoon. Attached is the approved edition of the Southwest Border briefing paper, dated January 24, 2011. New updates to the SWB paper are now due to **Christine Gribble** by **COB Friday, February 4, 2011**.

FIG Supervisors,

Per **ATF** ATF National Coordinator for Southwest Border/Project Gunrunner, I will be forwarding this report to you bi-weekly for your information. The report serves as a biweekly update of significant investigations, activities and events related to ATF's Southwest Border Initiative. Currently, our four primary Southwest Border field divisions and offices in Mexico report biweekly on all open Southwest Border related investigations or investigative activity in their respective areas of responsibility. Additionally, these divisions or offices provide narratives describing significant Southwest Border related liaison or training activity with the Government of Mexico and other Federal, State or local agencies and any Southwest Border related media events.

Please contact me with any questions. Thanks.

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**Southwest Border Initiative
(Project Gunrunner)**

Biweekly Update

January 24, 2011

The following is a biweekly update on significant events related to the Southwest Border Initiative. The information is collected from the different ATF offices involved in this initiative and intended for ATF use only.

FIELD OPERATIONS

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Investigations:Phoenix VII -- Gunrunner

785115-10-0004 Operation Fast & Furious: On January 19, 2011, the Federal Grand Jury in the District of Arizona returned a “true bill” indicting 20 individuals in this firearm trafficking investigation. This was a 53 count indictment charging Conspiracy (371), Dealing in Firearms Without a License (922 a 1 A), False Statement in Connection with the Acquisition of a Firearm (924 a 1 A), Conspiracy to Possess a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Offense (924 o), Money Laundering (1956), Possession/Conspiracy to Possess a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute (841 & 846), Aid and Abet (2). Twenty arrest warrants and several search warrants will be executed next week during a combined multi-agency law enforcement effort.

Tucson IV -- Gunrunner**ATF**Las Cruces II - Gunrunner**ATF**

From: Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)

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Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2011 11:18 AM

To: Newell, William D.; Allen, Matthew C; Coleman, Douglas W. (DEA-US); Mertz Dawn N; jack.harris@phoenix.gov

CC: Tarango, Manuel (USAAZ); Tarango, Manuel (USAAZ); Hurley, Emory (USAAZ)

Subject: RE: Press Conf next Tuesday

Bill: Can we add US Dept of Agriculture to the list? They have been helpful in locating some defendants for arrest by the team. Thanks. PJC

From: Newell, William D. (ATF)

Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 5:20 PM

To: Allen, Matthew C; Coleman, Douglas W. (DEA-US); Mertz Dawn N; jack.harris@phoenix.gov

Cc: Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)

Subject: Press Conf next Tuesday

Folks, just giving you a heads up regarding a planned press conf for next Tuesday the 25th around 11am. My PIO, **ATF** should already be reaching out to yours regarding this. If not please advise asap. The topics discussed will regard our combined efforts in several firearms trafficking cases at the OCDETF Strike Force over the past several months but especially the "Fast and Furious" case which all of our folks worked on together and is scheduled for an initial round of indictments tomorrow. I want to have the press conf in a neutral location so we are planning it in the Bank of America building in which we are located (201 E.

Washington Street) on the 14th floor. This is not the ATF office but rather a multi-purpose room used by the BOA folks for training, meetings, etc. The issue of having the press conf at the USAO regards transport of a large number of guns for display. Having it in our building will make this much easier for my folks many of whom will be tied up that day on operational matters. Also, our Acting Director Ken Melson will be coming. I confirmed this point this morning with my HQ so my apologies for the late notice on this. I had a meeting with my folks today regarding the topics to be discussed and besides a summary of the firearms trafficking cases involving Mexico I would also like to mention the work that all of us do out of the Strike Force.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me. I will ensure that my PIO is keeping yours up to speed throughout the coming days. Take care.

Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge

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From: ⁷ [ATF]

Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 9:29 PM

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Subject: SWB Briefing Paper - February 7, 2011

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Attached is the approved edition of the Southwest Border briefing paper, dated February 7, 2011. New updates to the SWB paper are now due to [ATF] by **COB Friday, February 18, 2011.**

Thanks, [ATF]

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**Southwest Border Initiative
(Project Gunrunner)**

Biweekly Update

February 7, 2011

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PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION

Investigations:

Phoenix VII – Gunrunner

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From: ATF

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Subject: SWB Briefing Paper - February 22, 2011

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Good morning. Attached is the approved edition of the Southwest Border briefing paper, dated February 22, 2011. New updates to the SWB paper are now due to ATF by **COB Friday, March 4, 2011.**

Thanks, ATF

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**Southwest Border Initiative
(Project Gunrunner)****Biweekly Update****February 22, 2011**

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PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION**Investigations:**Phoenix VII – Gunrunner

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785115-10-0004 Operation Fast & Furious: This is a previously approved OCDETF case (SWAZP0496). To date, 19 of the 20 defendants indicted on this Project Gunrunner firearm trafficking case have been arrested. Since that time,

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Tucson IV – Gunrunner

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