

**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2010 10:02 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] ATF  
**Subject:** Re: Exit Strategy Fast and Furious

Tell him I went to the airport to meet with Dennis Burke. He left for Mexico City tonight at 6:50. Among other things I discussed the [REDACTED] ATF issue with him and he said he would get with [REDACTED] ATF and also push [REDACTED] ATF. Have [REDACTED] ATF get with [REDACTED] ATF tomorrow reference my talk with the USA to ensure we're pushing from both sides on this issue.

Bill Newell  
 Special Agent in Charge  
 ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)  
 Cell: [REDACTED] ATF

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**From:** [REDACTED] ATF  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Tue Apr 27 21:46:05 2010  
**Subject:** RE: Exit Strategy Fast and Furious

[REDACTED] ATF and I talked for about 10 minutes and he got it done in a few hours. I will let him know you like it.

[REDACTED] ATF  
 Bureau of ATF  
 Phoenix Field Division  
 Supervisor, Phoenix V  
 [REDACTED] ATF

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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2010 6:33 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED] ATF  
**Subject:** Re: Exit Strategy Fast and Furious

Outstanding job on this. Thank you  
 Bill Newell  
 Special Agent in Charge  
 ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)  
 [REDACTED] ATF

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**From:** [REDACTED] ATF  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Tue Apr 27 21:26:28 2010  
**Subject:** Exit Strategy Fast and Furious  
 Mr. Newell,

Attached is an update on proposed action and an exit strategy for the Fast and Furious investigation.

[REDACTED] ATF  
 Bureau of ATF  
 Phoenix Field Division  
 Supervisor, Phoenix V  
 [REDACTED] ATF

<sup>2</sup>  
**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2010 5:34 PM  
**To:** Newell, William D.; Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Subject:** FW: guns from "El Teo" Gunmen

Most likely more to follow although some have obliterated serial numbers...

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**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2010 3:04 PM  
**To:** ATF  
**Cc:** ATF  
**Subject:** RE: guns from "El Teo" Gunmen

Of the serial numbers listed below:

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**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2010 1:44 PM  
**To:** ATF  
**Subject:** FW: guns from "El Teo" Gunmen

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**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2010 1:02 PM  
**To:** ATF  
**Cc:** ATF  
**Subject:** guns from "El Teo" Gunmen

ATF 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 kill the ATF 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:* ATF

*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* ATF

*One Ruger P94, 9mm pistol, serial* ATF *made in Southport, Conn, USA by Ruger*

*One EAA Witness, caliber .38 super, semi-auto pistol, serial number* ATF *made in Italy imported by EAA Cocoa, Fla*

*One Smith and Wesson, Model 39-2, 9mm semi-auto pistol, serial number* **ATF**

**ATF**

ATF Senior Special Agent  
US Consulate General  
Tijuana, Mexico

**ATF**

desk  
cellular

**From:** Newell, William D.

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 25, 2010 9:56 AM

**To:** McMahon, William G.

**Subject:** Fw: Information for DD Melson's Trip Book for El Paso, TX Visit and Tucson, AZ June 7-10-, 2010

**Importance:** High

Don't see you on the "cc" list.

Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge

ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

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**From:** ATF

**To:** All Assistant Directors;

ATF

Hoover, William J.; Michalic, Vivian B.;

ATF

ATF

Michael B.

ATF

Torres,

Julie M

**Cc:** Staff Assistant; Champion, Robert R.; Golson Sr., Michael A.; Chisholm, Kenneth L.; Bennett, Megan A.; Newell, William D.; Needles, James R.; Gillett, George T. Jr.; Cook, Nancy F.

**Sent:** Tue May 25 09:42:05 2010

**Subject:** Information for DD Melson's Trip Book for El Paso, TX Visit and Tucson, AZ June 7-10-, 2010

DD Melson will be visiting EPIC on June 8<sup>th</sup> and on the morning of June 9<sup>th</sup> conducting a Town Hall Meeting with the El Paso Field Office employees. He will then fly to Tucson, AZ and meet with the Tucson Arizona Field Office employees on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please provide to me any "snapshot" of information pertinent to your directorate that you think DD Melson should be made aware of and have included in his trip book for El Paso, TX and Tucson, AZ. For example, space, staffing issues, training needs, equipment issues and any other information you think important. Negative replies are requested. Please provide submissions by COB Tuesday, June 2, 2010. Thank you.

ATF

Office of the Director

Room 5.S-100

Office

Fax -

Email

**ATF**

**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2010 8:19 AM  
**To:** McMahon, William G.  
**Subject:** Re: SAC write up 04 26 2010

The indictments for Wide Receiver will come in two phases in mid-May but I'll have more detailed info early today. As for Fast and Furious I have already discussed an exit strategy and will have that today as well. [DP]

DP, ATF

[DP, ATF] I don't like HQ driving our cases but understand the "sensitivities" of this case better than anyone. [ATF]

ATF, DP

DP

DP

Bill Newell  
 Special Agent in Charge  
 ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

Cell: [ATF]

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**From:** McMahon, William G.  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Tue Apr 27 07:59:35 2010  
**Subject:** RE: SAC write up 04 26 2010

Bill,

We need to begin working on an "exit strategy" for this case. Let me know what your plans are for taking this case down to include the timing.

Also, can I get a write up on Wide Receiver? Billy is meeting with [ATF] tomorrow and this case is on the agenda.

Thanks,

William G. McMahon  
 Deputy Assistant Director (West)  
 Office of Field Operations  
 Office - (202) 648- [ATF]

**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2010 8:14 PM  
**To:** McMahon, William G.  
**Subject:** Fw: SAC write up 04 26 2010

Update on Fast and Furious. [ATF]

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Bill Newell  
 Special Agent in Charge  
 ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

Cell: [ATF]

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**From:** ATF  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Mon Apr 26 20:08:43 2010  
**Subject:** FW: SAC write up 04 26 2010  
Bill,

Attached is a one page update from ATF

ATF  
*Bureau of ATF*  
*Phoenix Field Division*  
*Supervisor, Phoenix V*

ATF

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**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2010 4:20 PM  
**To:** ATF  
**Subject:** SAC write up 04 26 2010

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.  
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 12:18:17 PM  
To: Nallin, Michael T.; ATF  
CC: Newell, William D.; Simpson, Kevin; Cook, Nancy F.; Needles, James R.  
Subject: Director's town hall

Mike/Jeff -

The Director's town hall meeting will be this Thursday at 1:00 pm in the Tucson conf room. Please insure that all personnel attend. Dress will be business professional.

Attendees will need to include GRIT personnel as well as field office personnel.

Thanks,

George

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**From:** [redacted] **ATF**  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 18, 2010 8:53 PM  
**To:** Michalic, Vivian B.; [redacted] **ATF**  
**CC:** McMahon, William G.; Chait, Mark R.; Newell, William D.  
**Subject:** Fw: Phoenix--Grit Rollout Aug 26th.

If this works out, we'll get him in and out the same day.

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**From:** Melson, Kenneth E.  
**To:** [redacted] **ATF**  
**Sent:** Wed Aug 18 20:46:28 2010  
**Subject:** Re: Phoenix--Grit Rollout Aug 26th.

**Unrelated**

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**From:** [redacted] **ATF**  
**To:** Melson, Kenneth E.  
**Cc:** [redacted] **ATF**  
**Sent:** Wed Aug 18 12:38:22 2010  
**Subject:** Phoenix--Grit Rollout Aug 26th.

**Unrelated**

Thanks!

SA [redacted] **ATF**  
Acting Chief, Executive Protection Branch  
Desk: [redacted]  
Cell: [redacted] **ATF**  
Email: [redacted]

**From:** Newell, William D.

**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2010 3:55 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] ATF McMahon, William G.

**CC:** [REDACTED] ATF

**Subject:** Re: Invitation to Attend ONDCP Director's Conference, Tucson, AZ. 9.02.10

Absolutely, be glad to.

Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge

ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

**Cell:** [REDACTED] ATF

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**From:** [REDACTED] ATF

**To:** Newell, William D.; McMahon, William G.

**Cc:** [REDACTED] ATF

**Sent:** Mon Aug 23 15:44:50 2010

**Subject:** RE: Invitation to Attend ONDCP Director's Conference, Tucson, AZ. 9.02.10

Bill,

Ben Tucker, the newly confirmed DD for State, Local and Tribal Affairs for ONDCP, will be traveling with the Director for their Southwest Border trip next week. [REDACTED] DP

[REDACTED] DP [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] Are you open and what do you think?

[REDACTED] ATF

Supervisory Special Agent

ATF Liaison

Executive Office of the President

Office of National Drug Control Policy

[REDACTED] ATF

**From:** Newell, William D.

**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2010 3:29 PM

**To:** McMahon, William G.

**Cc:** [REDACTED] ATF

**Subject:** FW: Invitation to Attend ONDCP Director's Conference, Tucson, AZ. 9.02.10

FYI. It's his third or fourth trip out here so we have it well covered. Just giving you a heads-up.

Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)

[REDACTED] ATF

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**From:** Ed Gooderham [\[mailto: \]](#) **ATF**  
**Sent:** Monday, August 23, 2010 12:12 PM  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Cc:** Ed Gooderham  
**Subject:** Invitation to Attend ONDCP Director's Conference, Tucson, AZ. 9.02.10

# Unrelated

Ed Gooderham  
SWB HIDTA, Arizona Region  
Operations Assistant

**ATF**

**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 13, 2008 2:07 AM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Subject:** Fw: Meet

Fyi  
 Bill Newell  
 Special Agent in Charge  
 Phoenix Field Division

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**From:** ATF  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Tue Aug 12 21:04:20 2008  
**Subject:** RE: Meet

Bill,

I agree that our ASACs should talk in advance of us getting together. I have told ASAC Angel Rascon in Tucson to expect George's call.

If you want to wait to schedule a meet when the ASACs have talked, I am fine with that.

Regards,

DHS

DHS

Special Agent in Charge  
 Phoenix, Arizona

ATF, DHS

**From:** Newell, William D. [mailto: ] ATF  
**Sent:** Monday, August 11, 2008 9:34 PM  
**To:** DHS  
**Subject:** Re: Meet

I'm free in the afternoon of Tuesday the 19th.

DP

DP

DP

I will tell my ASAC to

reach out to the one he dealt with in Tucson first thing tomorrow.

Bill Newell  
 Special Agent in Charge  
 Phoenix Field Division

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**From:** DHS  
**To:** Newell, William D.

<sup>12</sup>  
Cc: **DHS**  
Sent: Tue Aug 12 00:12:45 2008  
Subject: Meet

Bill,

I have reported and wanted to check in with you to see if you are available early next week to meet with me and DSAC from the Tucson office.

**DHS**

**DHS**

**DP**

Since this hadn't been discussed in advance and we had not had an opportunity to coordinate with our Attache in Mexico, we balked at the plan. The agents in Tucson were able to work it out over the weekend with the understanding that we would sit down to work out a long term way of dealing with these kinds of scenarios beyond this case.

Let me know how your schedule looks anytime on Tuesday the 19th and we can sit down to discuss this.

Regards,

**DP**

**DP**

Office of Investigations

**DP**