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From: ATF
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 8:04 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.; Needles, James R.
Subject: FW: El Paso - Phoenix connections

Just FYI...no action needed.

From: ATF
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 4:54 PM
To: ATF (DEA-US); ATF (DEA-US); ATF
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Subject: El Paso - Phoenix connections

To all;

My name is ATF 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 we have strong connections to El Paso, TX. Without going into too much detail we have over 60 firearms purchased by our suspects here in Phoenix recovered in El Paso, the

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ATF Also we have 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,

ATF
Group Supervisor
Phoenix Group VII
ATF

From: Hoover, William J.

Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 2:34 PM

To: Melson, Kenneth E.; Siskel, Edward N. (ODAG) (SMO) (JMD)

CC: Chait, Mark R.; Michalic, Vivian B.; McMahon, William G.; Michalic, Mark (ODAG) (SMO) (JMD)

Subject: Significant Incident Report

Attachments: 50handleupedited.jpg

Ken and Ed,

Please see the following report from Phoenix re the seizure of a TNW, 50. Caliber, Semi-automatic rifle. I have attached a photo of which represents the rifle seized.

On August 3, 2010 as part of an ongoing Southwest Border Firearms Trafficking OCDEF ATF investigation being conducted by Phoenix Group VII agents seized a TNW, U.S. Government Model HB M2, 50 caliber semi-auto rifle. This firearm sells at retail for over \$12,000.00. This is the second TNW 50 caliber firearm recovered by ATF agents during and in relation to this investigation. This firearm constitutes a substantial increase on behalf of the organization both financially and with respect to firepower; this firearm must be fired mounted on a tripod or vehicle, fires belt-fed ammunition, weighs over 100 pounds and is over 5 feet long.

Billy

William J. Hoover

Executive Assistant Director

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From: Smith, Brad (ODAG) [Brad.Smith@atf.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2011 2:58 PM
To: Hoover, William J.
Subject: FW: Follow Up From Conference Call

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FYI

From: Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG)
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 3:08 PM
To: Smith, Brad (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Follow Up From Conference Call

Here it is

From: Cole, James (SMO)
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 8:22 PM
To: Grindler, Gary (OAG); Monaco, Lisa (ODAG); Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG)
Subject: FW: Follow Up From Conference Call

Jim

From: Cole, James (SMO)
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2011 8:22 PM
To: Moreno, Angel (USATXS); Murphy, John E. (USATXW); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Gonzales, Kenneth (USANM); Duffy, Laura (USACAS)
Subject: Follow Up From Conference Call

Dear USAs:

Thank you for your time this evening, I wanted to send this just to summarize our telephone conversation and inform those of you who were unable to participate.

First, thank you for the work you do to fight gun trafficking. It is very important.

As I said on the call, to avoid any potential confusion, I want to reiterate the Department's policy: We should not design or conduct undercover operations which include guns crossing the border. If we have knowledge that guns are about to cross the border, we must take immediate action to stop the firearms from crossing the border, even if that prematurely terminates or otherwise jeopardizes an investigation.

We know you have difficult jobs to do and we fully support and appreciate your efforts to stop the flow of firearms through the apprehension and prosecution of all responsible parties.

As I said on our call, please make sure the SACs in your districts understand the policy.

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From: ATF
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 1:06 PM
To: ATF
Subject: FW: Investigations
Attachments: ATF

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Wouldn't be great if we were up on ATF anyway 4 transactions, the only one I knew of was

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From: ATF
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 10:02 AM
To: ATF
Subject: Investigations

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There were four more transactions over the weekend. The updated spreadsheet is attached. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

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NICS Liaison Specialist
FBI NICS Section

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From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 4:10 PM
To: ATF
CC:
Subject: RE: guns from ATF Gunmen

Tonya, I have not done an n-force on this since I had very little information. I now have some but am on leave.

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From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 11:36 AM
To: ATF
Subject: RE: guns from ATF Gunmen

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Ref this seizure? Is there a recovery report out there on it? Are you completing a report since you viewed the firearms?
Please disregard if ATF ready hit you up with these questions...)

Thank you,

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

Of the serial numbers listed below:

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From: ATF
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To: ATF
Subject: FW: guns from ATF Gunmen

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

ATF we just got back from viewing some guns that were taken last night from a group of gunmen tied to the ATF organization. Supposedly they were on their way to kill the Public Safety Secretary Lt Col 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 ATF

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:

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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

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One Ruger P94, 9mm pistol, serial

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made in Southport, Conn, USA by Ruger

One EAA Witness, caliber .38 super, semi-auto pistol, serial number

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made in Italy imported by EAA Cocoa, Fla

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

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ATF Senior Special Agent
US Consulate General
Tijuana, Mexico

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From: ⁸ ATF

Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2011 2:46 PM

To: ATF

CC: ATF

Subject: Suspect Gun firearm recovered in MEXICO ATF

ATF IN Number:

785115-10-0004

Suspect Gun File Number:

Suspect Gun submission request date:

Recovered

Location:

Suspects:

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NFORCE: 162080-11-0001

Title: DECOMISO – SEIZURE BULLETIN – 08/01/2009 – CHIHUAHUA, CHIHUAHUA

IRS: ATF

Date: August 1, 2009

Event: Authorities raided a “Safe-house” with suspected ties to the Juarez Cartel and seized firearms

Location: Chihuahua, Chihuahua

Case Number: Not Specified

Arrests:

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Criminal Group/Org.: Juarez Cartel

Firearms/Explosives:

- 3 unspecified caliber rifles

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Magazines: N/A

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A la Dirección General de Servicios Periciales de la Procuraduría General de Justicia de Chihuahua (PGJC) se le encargó cotejar el tipo de armas y cartuchos utilizados para cometer los más de 10 asesinatos. Sin embargo, el responsable de esa tarea, el director Pedro Aragonez, fue acribillado durante el transcurso de la investigación.

El crimen contra el funcionario, lo mismo que otros 100 más que se investigan, fue atribuido al cártel de Juárez, cuyos principales operadores en Chihuahua son José Luis Ledesma, El JL, El Mónico, y El Tapicero. Ellos, apoyados por el grupo de ex militares metidos a sicarios conocido como Los Lince y la red de policías corruptos que los protegen, han desatado una guerra en la entidad contra el cártel de Sinaloa, o los también llamados Gente Nueva, que ha cobrado miles de víctimas en los últimos tres años.

El actual jefe del cártel de Juárez o La Línea, **ATF** asumió el mando de la organización tras la muerte de su hermano, **ATF** El señor de los cielos. Desde ese momento hasta ahora ha mantenido un férreo control de la organización, con el uso de la violencia sin límites. Ejemplo del nivel de terror que han impuesto sus acciones en Chihuahua, son precisamente los más de asesinatos presuntamente cometidos con las armas investigadas en este caso.

El aseguramiento La mañana del 17 de febrero de 2008, en el cuartel de la quinta Zona Militar, el general Felipe Espitia Hernández fue notificado de una llamada anónima que ubicaba a un grupo de gente armada en la granja situada en el número 601 de la Calle 87, esquina con la Calle 25, en la colonia Aeropuerto, en la capital de Chihuahua. La voz de un hombre —según el reporte oficial— informó que varios sujetos entraban y salían de ese inmueble con armas.

Fue todo lo que dijo el denunciante anónimo. Con esos datos, de inmediato se dispuso una operación militar para acudir al lugar. Sin embargo, como en casi todas las acciones de este tipo, al llegar los soldados no estaba ya ni uno de los sujetos que fueron vistos con las armas. Pero en su huida, los delincuentes no pudieron llevarse varios paquetes de marihuana, dos vehículos y cuatro armas y cartuchos que fueron asegurados de inmediato.

Lo que llamó la atención del general Espitia Hernández fue la presencia en aquel sitio de un arma larga con

registro oficial ante la Secretaría de la Defensa Nacional (Sedena), además de una serie de documentos oficiales.

Eran recibos de nómina de elementos de la Agencia Estatal de Investigación de Chihuahua, recetas médicas, solicitudes de vacaciones y hasta roles y zonas de trabajo de agentes de esa corporación. El jefe de la zona militar pidió de inmediato la intervención de las autoridades.

El grupo de fiscales y peritos de la PGJC que fue comisionado para recabar todas y cada una de las evidencias elaboraron un informe pormenorizado de lo hallado en el lugar.

Reportaron que además de los documentos oficiales, se decomisaron tres rifles de asalto semiautomáticos y una pistola Smith & Wesson, alrededor de 150 cartuchos útiles de diferentes calibres, una camioneta Suburban color azul, placas DZP 57-37, y una camioneta Toyota blindada, sin placas, de color plateado.

La participación de policías corruptos como parte de la red de protección al cártel de Juárez se veía venir casi de forma natural. Ahí estaban sus nombres, sus pertenencias y hasta un arma oficial. A final de cuentas, en el caso, la Subprocuraduría de Investigación Especializada en Delincuencia Organizada (SIEDO) detendría a seis elementos de la Agencia Estatal de Investigación de Chihuahua.

La investigación de las armas

Sólo hasta 67 días después del cateo en la granja donde se incautaron las armas, el fiscal encargado de la investigación pidió al entonces director de Servicios Periciales, Pedro Aragonez, aplicar los peritajes a las evidencias.

El 25 de julio de 2008 envió al extinto funcionario el oficio 207/2008 para elaborar los análisis de fotografía, planimetría, química, genética y balística, además del cotejo del tipo de armas usadas en 96 narcoejecuciones cometidas entre el 30 de enero de 2002 y el 7 de febrero de 2008.

Casi en forma inmediata, Aragonez informó al fiscal sobre el origen de las armas.

La pistola Browning calibre 40, número de serie 2W5NW50348 y un cargador para 15 cartuchos, fue fabricada en Bélgica por la empresa Smith and Wesson; el rifle de asalto GP WASR-10, con número de serie borrado, provenía de Rumania y podía abastecerse con cargadores de 35 a 45 cartuchos; el rifle Bushmaster XM15, con número de serie borrado y con porta cargadores de 30 cartuchos, fabricado en Estados Unidos; el rifle G36V, fabricado en Alemania por la empresa Heckler y Koch, número de serie 83-0005489, estaba registrado por la Defensa Nacional.

Tres días más tarde —70 días después de hallar del armamento—, el mismo fiscal pidió a la subprocuradora María del Pilar Pérez de la Fuente buscar en los registros oficiales si uno de los tres rifles detectados en el operativo del 17 de febrero era propiedad de la Procuraduría estatal. Ello no obstante que desde un principio el personal Ejército mexicano reportó que existía la probabilidad de que elementos de la Agencia Estatal de Investigación de Chihuahua pudieran estar asociados con el grupo delictivo que habitaba el sitio donde se efectuó el operativo militar.

Una semana más tarde, se agregó a la carpeta de investigación CAI-285/2008 la respuesta de la subprocuradora Pérez de la Fuente. El informe señalaba que el arma larga con matrícula 83-0005489 estaba registrada en la licencia colectiva de armas 192, expedida en favor de la Procuraduría del estado, y lo más inquietante era que ese rifle estaba asignado al agente A de la Policía Ministerial, Luis Humberto Peralta Hernández.

La muerte de Aragonez

La tarde del 11 de agosto, tres meses después de iniciar las investigaciones sobre las armas y la posible vinculación de éstas en las más de 10 narcoejecuciones, el director de Servicios Periciales de Chihuahua, Pedro

Aragonez, fue asesinado por un comando armado.

El crimen se cometió cuando el funcionario viajaba a bordo de una camioneta Durango por la calle de Itzalco, en la colonia El Saucito, en compañía de su chofer que sobrevivió al ataque de los sicarios, que huyeron por la avenida Francisco Villa, en la capital chihuahuense.

El homicidio del director de Servicios Periciales de Chihuahua fue ordenado por El Mónico, de acuerdo con la declaración de Martín Hugo Valenzuela Rivera, El H-8, hombre originario de Durango que fue reclutado por el cártel de Juárez, primero como vigilante de calles y al que posteriormente se le entrenó para asesinar.

Él confesó que estando con El Mónico en Ciudad Cuauhtémoc escuchó cuando fue informado de la ejecución del funcionario. “Vámonos, ya cayó otro”, le dijo su jefe a El H-8 antes de emprender el regreso a Chihuahua. De vuelta a esa ciudad, El Chuma o H-9 le comentó a Valenzuela Rivera que “ya había caído el de servicios periciales. Que le había tocado ejecutarlo cuando se les había perdido a Los Lince, y que en esa ejecución también participaron de campanas policías ministeriales”

“Era uno de periciales que andaba en una camioneta Durango, que esta persona lo acompañaba su chofer, pero que solamente le había dado al objetivo. El H-9 ha participado en otras ejecuciones, es muy buen tirador. Hemos ido a entrenar tiro a la sierra y disparamos contra pinos o piedras con R-15 o Cuerno de chivo, siempre es muy preciso en sus disparos. He visto sus jales en el periódico”, dijo a los fiscales.

Las “narcoejecuciones”

La primera de las más de 100 ejecuciones ligadas con el narcotráfico en las que pudieron estar involucradas las armas halladas por personal del Ejército mexicano, y que investigaba la Dirección de Servicios Periciales, fue la contenida en el expediente 277/02. Para ello se cotejaban 17 casquillos recogidos en la escena del crimen en la que asesinaron el 30 de enero de 2002 al ex agente judicial de esa entidad Federico Cenicerros Torres, a quien cesaron en aquel entonces por la desaparición de parte de un cargamento de droga confiscado a narcotraficantes en Ciudad Juárez.

El crimen contra Cenicerros Torres, de 39 años de edad, fue cometido con un arma de asalto AK-47, de las llamadas Cuerno de chivo —similar a la que investigaba la Dirección de Servicios Periciales—, cuando se dirigía de Ciudad Juárez a El Paso, Texas, a bordo de una camioneta tipo van, Chevrolet, modelo 1989. Una camioneta Dodge Durango se le emparejó y desde ahí le dispararon. La unidad de la víctima chocó contra una malla metálica, a un lado de la avenida Heroico Colegio Militar, casi a su cruce con la calle de Costa Rica, en la zona norte de Ciudad Juárez.

La última de las narcoejecuciones en las que se suponía fueron utilizadas algunas de las armas aseguradas el 17 de febrero de 2008, se trató de un doble homicidio cometido en el estacionamiento del centro comercial Wal Mart de Chihuahua, apenas 10 días antes de que los militares las descubrieran en la granja de la colonia Aeropuerto.

En esa ocasión un comando armado asesinó con rifles de asalto a Osvaldo Loya Carmona y a Nicanor Loya Sánchez, cuando apenas salían del centro comercial y subían a una camioneta pick up Ford línea Lobo, de color rojo.

El doble crimen en Chihuahua aquella mañana del jueves 7 de febrero de 2008 sacudió al municipio de Camargo, ya que la familia Loya es ampliamente conocida e influyente en esa población.

Para aclarar este doble asesinato, los peritos de la procuraduría del estado de Chihuahua, al mando en ese momento de Pedro Aragonéz, se encargaban de cotejar los más de 80 casquillos del armamento tipo AK-47 que fueron recogidos por las autoridades en el estacionamiento del centro comercial, ubicado en la avenida Periférico de la Juventud, del fraccionamiento Haciendas del Valle de la entidad, pero hasta hoy se ignora cuál fue el

resultado de las investigaciones de balística forense en todas las narcoejecuciones.

Source: <http://elblogdelnarco.wordpress.com/tag/chihuahua/>

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ATF Research Specialist

Project Gunrunner

Gun Desk, El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC)

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Work:

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Subject: Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO.

Case Agents:

ATF

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:

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Suspect Gun submission request date:

Trace details regarding firearm recovery:

Serial Number:

Manufacturer:

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Type:
Caliber:
Model:
Recovered
Location:
Suspects:

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Trace Requestor:
Requesting Agency:
Phone Number:

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THIS US SOURCED FIREARM WAS RECOVERED IN MEXICO. FOR DETAILS RELATING TO THE SEIZURE, PLEASE CONTACT
ATF-EPIC BRANCH CHIEF **ATF** VIA E-MAIL OR AT **ATF**

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Suspect Gun Program
Team Sage-Research Assistant
ATF National Tracing Center

ATF

From: **ATF**

Sent: Friday, February 11, 2011 5:57 PM

To: **ATF**

CC:

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NFORCE: 162080-11-0001

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IRS: **ATF**

Date: August 1, 2010

Event: Authorities raided a “Safe-house” with suspected ties to the Juarez Cartel and seized firearms

Location: Chihuahua, Chihuahua

Case Number: Not Specified

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El aseguramiento La mañana del 17 de febrero de 2008, en el cuartel de la quinta Zona Militar, el general Felipe Espitia Hernández fue notificado de una llamada anónima que ubicaba a un grupo de gente armada en la granja situada en el número 601 de la Calle 87, esquina con la Calle 25, en la colonia Aeropuerto, en la capital de Chihuahua. La voz de un hombre —según el reporte oficial— informó que varios sujetos entraban y salían de ese inmueble con armas.

Fue todo lo que dijo el denunciante anónimo. Con esos datos, de inmediato se dispuso una operación militar para acudir al lugar. Sin embargo, como en casi todas las acciones de este tipo, al llegar los soldados no estaba ya ni uno de los sujetos que fueron vistos con las armas. Pero en su huida, los delincuentes no pudieron llevarse varios paquetes de mariguana, dos vehículos y cuatro armas y cartuchos que fueron asegurados de inmediato.

Lo que llamó la atención del general Espitia Hernández fue la presencia en aquel sitio de un arma larga con

registro oficial ante la Secretaría de la Defensa Nacional (Sedena), además de una serie de documentos oficiales.

Eran recibos de nómina de elementos de la Agencia Estatal de Investigación de Chihuahua, recetas médicas, solicitudes de vacaciones y hasta roles y zonas de trabajo de agentes de esa corporación. El jefe de la zona militar pidió de inmediato la intervención de las autoridades.

El grupo de fiscales y peritos de la PGJC que fue comisionado para recabar todas y cada una de las evidencias elaboraron un informe pormenorizado de lo hallado en el lugar.

Reportaron que además de los documentos oficiales, se decomisaron tres rifles de asalto semiautomáticos y una pistola Smith & Wesson, alrededor de 150 cartuchos útiles de diferentes calibres, una camioneta Suburban color azul, placas DZP 57-37, y una camioneta Toyota blindada, sin placas, de color plateado.

La participación de policías corruptos como parte de la red de protección al cártel de Juárez se veía venir casi de forma natural. Ahí estaban sus nombres, sus pertenencias y hasta un arma oficial. A final de cuentas, en el caso, la Subprocuraduría de Investigación Especializada en Delincuencia Organizada (SIEDO) detendría a seis elementos de la Agencia Estatal de Investigación de Chihuahua.

La investigación de las armas

Sólo hasta 67 días después del cateo en la granja donde se incautaron las armas, el fiscal encargado de la investigación pidió al entonces director de Servicios Periciales, Pedro Aragonez, aplicar los peritajes a las evidencias.

El 25 de julio de 2008 envió al extinto funcionario el oficio 207/2008 para elaborar los análisis de fotografía, planimetría, química, genética y balística, además del cotejo del tipo de armas usadas en 96 narcoejecuciones cometidas entre el 30 de enero de 2002 y el 7 de febrero de 2008.

Casi en forma inmediata, Aragonez informó al fiscal sobre el origen de las armas.

La pistola Browning calibre 40, número de serie 2W5NW50348 y un cargador para 15 cartuchos, fue fabricada en Bélgica por la empresa Smith and Wesson; el rifle de asalto GP WASR-10, con número de serie borrado, provenía de Rumania y podía abastecerse con cargadores de 35 a 45 cartuchos; el rifle Bushmaster XM15, con número de serie borrado y con porta cargadores de 30 cartuchos, fabricado en Estados Unidos; el rifle G36V, fabricado en Alemania por la empresa Heckler y Koch, número de serie 83-0005489, estaba registrado por la Defensa Nacional.

Tres días más tarde —70 días después de hallar del armamento—, el mismo fiscal pidió a la subprocuradora María del Pilar Pérez de la Fuente buscar en los registros oficiales si uno de los tres rifles detectados en el operativo del 17 de febrero era propiedad de la Procuraduría estatal. Ello no obstante que desde un principio el personal Ejército mexicano reportó que existía la probabilidad de que elementos de la Agencia Estatal de Investigación de Chihuahua pudieran estar asociados con el grupo delictivo que habitaba el sitio donde se efectuó el operativo militar.

Una semana más tarde, se agregó a la carpeta de investigación CAI-285/2008 la respuesta de la subprocuradora Pérez de la Fuente. El informe señalaba que el arma larga con matrícula 83-0005489 estaba registrada en la licencia colectiva de armas 192, expedida en favor de la Procuraduría del estado, y lo más inquietante era que ese rifle estaba asignado al agente A de la Policía Ministerial, Luis Humberto Peralta Hernández.

La muerte de Aragonez

La tarde del 11 de agosto, tres meses después de iniciar las investigaciones sobre las armas y la posible vinculación de éstas en las más de 10 narcoejecuciones, el director de Servicios Periciales de Chihuahua, Pedro

Aragonez, fue asesinado por un comando armado.

El crimen se cometió cuando el funcionario viajaba a bordo de una camioneta Durango por la calle de Itzalco, en la colonia El Saucito, en compañía de su chofer que sobrevivió al ataque de los sicarios, que huyeron por la avenida Francisco Villa, en la capital chihuahuense.

El homicidio del director de Servicios Periciales de Chihuahua fue ordenado por El Mónico, de acuerdo con la declaración de Martín Hugo Valenzuela Rivera, El H-8, hombre originario de Durango que fue reclutado por el cártel de Juárez, primero como vigilante de calles y al que posteriormente se le entrenó para asesinar.

Él confesó que estando con El Mónico en Ciudad Cuauhtémoc escuchó cuando fue informado de la ejecución del funcionario. “Vámonos, ya cayó otro”, le dijo su jefe a El H-8 antes de emprender el regreso a Chihuahua. De vuelta a esa ciudad, El Chuma o H-9 le comentó a Valenzuela Rivera que “ya había caído el de servicios periciales. Que le había tocado ejecutarlo cuando se les había perdido a Los Lince, y que en esa ejecución también participaron de campanas policías ministeriales”

“Era uno de periciales que andaba en una camioneta Durango, que esta persona lo acompañaba su chofer, pero que solamente le había dado al objetivo. El H-9 ha participado en otras ejecuciones, es muy buen tirador. Hemos ido a entrenar tiro a la sierra y disparamos contra pinos o piedras con R-15 o Cuerno de chivo, siempre es muy preciso en sus disparos. He visto sus jales en el periódico”, dijo a los fiscales.

Las “narcoejecuciones”

La primera de las más de 100 ejecuciones ligadas con el narcotráfico en las que pudieron estar involucradas las armas halladas por personal del Ejército mexicano, y que investigaba la Dirección de Servicios Periciales, fue la contenida en el expediente 277/02. Para ello se cotejaban 17 casquillos recogidos en la escena del crimen en la que asesinaron el 30 de enero de 2002 al ex agente judicial de esa entidad Federico Cenicerros Torres, a quien cesaron en aquel entonces por la desaparición de parte de un cargamento de droga confiscado a narcotraficantes en Ciudad Juárez.

El crimen contra Cenicerros Torres, de 39 años de edad, fue cometido con un arma de asalto AK-47, de las llamadas Cuerno de chivo —similar a la que investigaba la Dirección de Servicios Periciales—, cuando se dirigía de Ciudad Juárez a El Paso, Texas, a bordo de una camioneta tipo van, Chevrolet, modelo 1989. Una camioneta Dodge Durango se le emparejó y desde ahí le dispararon. La unidad de la víctima chocó contra una malla metálica, a un lado de la avenida Heroico Colegio Militar, casi a su cruce con la calle de Costa Rica, en la zona norte de Ciudad Juárez.

La última de las narcoejecuciones en las que se suponía fueron utilizadas algunas de las armas aseguradas el 17 de febrero de 2008, se trató de un doble homicidio cometido en el estacionamiento del centro comercial Wal Mart de Chihuahua, apenas 10 días antes de que los militares las descubrieran en la granja de la colonia Aeropuerto.

En esa ocasión un comando armado asesinó con rifles de asalto a Osvaldo Loya Carmona y a Nicanor Loya Sánchez, cuando apenas salían del centro comercial y subían a una camioneta pick up Ford línea Lobo, de color rojo.

El doble crimen en Chihuahua aquella mañana del jueves 7 de febrero de 2008 sacudió al municipio de Camargo, ya que la familia Loya es ampliamente conocida e influyente en esa población.

Para aclarar este doble asesinato, los peritos de la procuraduría del estado de Chihuahua, al mando en ese momento de Pedro Aragonéz, se encargaban de cotejar los más de 80 casquillos del armamento tipo AK-47 que fueron recogidos por las autoridades en el estacionamiento del centro comercial, ubicado en la avenida Periférico de la Juventud, del fraccionamiento Haciendas del Valle de la entidad, pero hasta hoy se ignora cuál fue el

resultado de las investigaciones de balística forense en todas las narcoejecuciones.

Source: <http://elblogdelnarco.wordpress.com/tag/chihuahua/>

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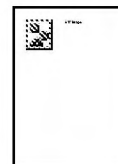
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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

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Location:

Suspects:



Case Agents:

Remarks: Please contact
EPIC 10 results.



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NFORCE: 164020-10-0001

Title: DECOMISO – SEIZURE BULLETIN – 12/09/2009 – MEXICALI, BAJA CALIFORNIA

IRS: ATF

Date: December 9, 2009

Event: Mexican Military seized over \$2 Million dollars, an arsenal, and drugs

Location: Inside a warehouse located in Colonia Industrial, in Mexicali, Baja California

Case Number: Not Specified

Arrests:



Criminal Group/Org.: Not Specified

Firearms: Explosives:

- 47 rifles

- 1 handgun

Magazines:

- 57 magazines

Ammunition:

- 329 rounds of ammunition

Tactical Equipment: N/A

Uniforms: N/A

Communication Equipment: N/A

Currency:

- \$868,580 pesos

- \$ 2,126,450 dollars

Other Objects: N/A

Drugs: N/A

Vehicles:

- 2 buses

- 3 vehicles

Synopsis: On December 9, 2009, Mexican Military seized over \$2 Million dollars, an arsenal, and drugs inside a warehouse located in Colonia Industrial, in Mexicali, Baja California. Authorities arrested 9 subjects, seized 47 rifles, 1 handgun, 57 magazines, 329 rounds of ammunition, currency, and vehicles.

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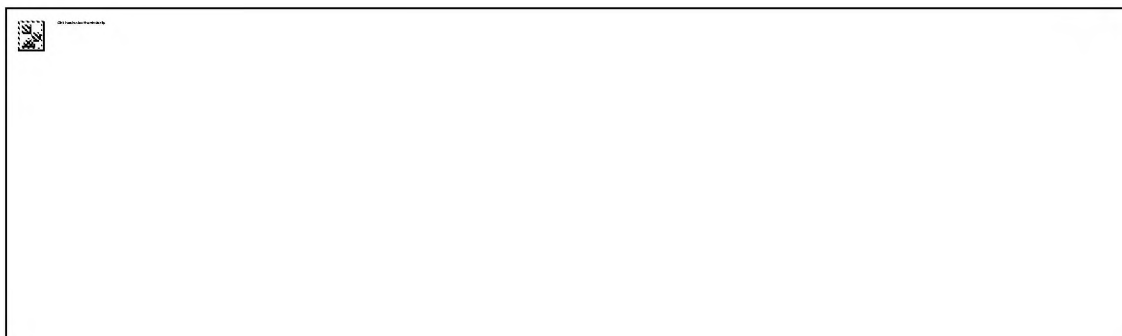
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Video Clip -- Mexican Military Seizes Weapons, Drugs, Money in Mexicali

LAP20091212070002 Mexicali *La Cronica.com* in Spanish 11 Dec 09

[For assistance with multimedia elements, contact OSC at 1-800-205-8615 or oscinfo@rccb.osis.gov.]

Mexicali *La Cronica.com* on 10 December aired the following video of weapons, drugs, money, and trucks seized by military personnel from the 23rd Motorized Cavalry Regiment.



Click [here](#) to view the 4-minute clip

The following are the OSC-translated subtitles

The Army Presents

12 people [arrested], weapons, drugs, money, and trucks seized

The Army presents the weapons and drugs seized and individuals arrested during yesterday's seizure. The national defense secretary, through the 2nd Military Zone, announces the following information to all Baja California residents:

Military personnel from the 23rd Motorized Cavalry Regiment, responding to an anonymous citizen report, stated that at the Colonia Industrial neighborhood in Mexicali, two buses from the Transportes Integrados Mexicanos line went inside, suspiciously, a warehouse, where there were armed men. This resulted in the seizure of: 47 long weapons, one short gun, 57 magazines of various calibers, 340 shells 7.62 caliber 39 mm, and 52 .223 cal shells. Also seized were \$2,126,450 and 868,580 Mexican pesos. A total of 421,600 kg of cocaine and 60,700 kg of methamphetamines were also seized. Three compact vehicles and two buses were seized too, and 12 people holding this merchandise were arrested. The individuals detained are Cuahutemoc Quinoz Luna, 35; Jose Espinosa Flores, 39; Ruben Rocha Bojorquez, 36; Jose Armando Hernandez Iribe, 46; Jose German Madrigal Guzman, 32; Clemente Espinosa Sierra, 31; Francisco Javier Landeros Cardenas, 50; Jose Ismael Alvarez Sicairos, 54; Gonzalo Beltran Beltran, 31; Eduardo Ruiz Bustamantes, 49; and Mariano Garcia Aguilar, 42, all of them from Culiacan, Sinaloa. Additionally Gabriel Izarraga Martinez, 43, from Mazatlan, Sinaloa was arrested.

In its communique, the No.2 headquarters of the military region reports the following: these results reflects the active and decisive participation of citizens, the effectiveness of government agencies like the state's C4, and the effectiveness and timing of the Armed Forces, which means that the people and the government are making progress in the same path and with the same objective. However, for the Mexican Army and Air Force, it is clear that there is still a great deal to be done and that our best ally is the people. Therefore, the troops of the 2nd Military Zone will not take any steps back and will continue fighting with the same energy all around Baja California State to curb drug trafficking and organized crime in all its forms.

Finally, we encourage and invite the people to continue placing its trust in their Armed Forces in order to put an end to drug trafficking and organized crime in Baja California State and recover room for financial and social development. They end by encouraging people to place their anonymous reports at the following number [not given]. This communique is signed by the No.2 headquarters of the military region. For cronica.com, this was Yerson Martinez reporting.

[Description of Source: Mexicali La Cronica.com in Spanish -- Website of independent daily from Baja California State, part of Editores del Noroeste, S.A.; URL: <http://www.lacronica.com>]

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Subject: Suspect Gun firearm recovered, MEXICO.

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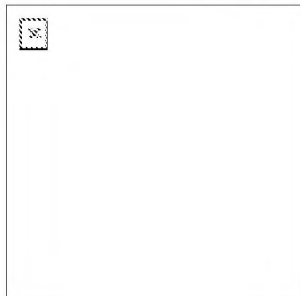
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NFORCE: 162080-10-0001

Title: DECOMISO – SEIZURE BULLETIN – 06/24/2010 – TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA

IRS: ATF

Date: June 24, 2010

Event: Authorities received anonymous information, seized abandoned drugs and firearms

Location: Tijuana, Baja California

Case Number: Not Specified

Arrests:

- None

Criminal Group/Org.: Not Specified

Firearms/Explosives:

- 6 AK-47 type firearms

Magazines:

- 10 AK-47 type magazines

Ammunition:

- 355 7.62x39 caliber rounds

Tactical Equipment: N/A

Uniforms: N/A

Communication Equipment: N/A

Currency: N/A

Other Objects: N/A

Drugs:

- 900 grams of ICE

Vehicles: N/A

Synopsis: On June 24, 2010, Authorities received anonymous information, seized abandoned drugs and firearms in Tijuana, Baja California. Authorities seized 6 AK-47 type rifles, 10 magazines, 355 rounds of ammunition, and 900 grams of the drug known as “ICE”.

(Español): 24 de Junio, 2010.- **ENCUENTRAN TIRADOS LA PEP, 6 CUERNOS, 14 CARGADORES, 355 BALAS Y UN KILO DE ICE**

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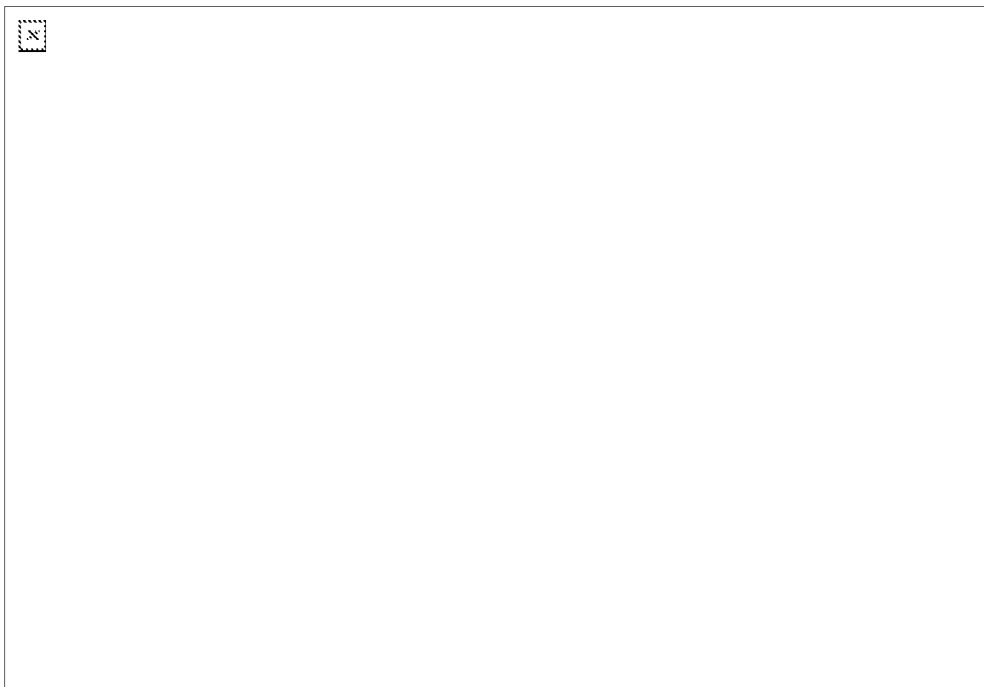
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Escrito por patrulla2

Friday, 25 de June de 2010



Con base en una denuncia ciudadana anónima al número 089 agentes de la Policía Estatal Preventiva (PEP) realizaron un operativo en una casa de la colonia Cuauhtémoc donde se encontraron “tiradas” en una bolsa, en la banqueta, 6 “cuernos”, 1 kilo de “ice”, cientos de balas, y cargadores, más no a persona alguna.



Eran como las 12:30 horas de este día y tras recibir un reporte del Centro de Control, Comando, Comunicación y Cómputo (C-4), en el que se les indicaba que varios sujetos armados que realizaban detonaciones en las inmediaciones de la colonia Cuauhtémoc Norte.



El operativo llegó a la avenida República de Chile donde no encontraron nada sospechoso, pero por precaución realizaron varios recorridos de vigilancia por la zona y encontraron frente al número 732, en una casa de dos pisos y puerta eléctrica una maleta que se encontraba tirada frente al domicilio indicado y al hacer una inspección minuciosa se encontró lo siguiente: 6 armas largas calibre 7.62X39; 355 cartuchos calibre 7.62X39; 10 cargadores para calibre 7.62X39; y 900 gramos de la droga sintética conocida como 'ice'. Debido a que les reportaron sujetos armados frente al lugar se tomaron las precauciones del caso, pero sin que se lograra ubicar a persona alguna, por lo que se recogió el armamento, balas y droga, que fueron puestas a disposición de las autoridades correspondientes, quienes se encargarán de realizar las averiguaciones que el caso amerite.

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Attachments: GRIT Performance Report - June 11 2011.doc

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

GRIT Performance for Reporting Period May 21 – June 3, 2010		
	Reporting Period	Since Inception
Number of Investigative Leads at the Start of GRIT (May 1, 2010)	ATF	
Number of New Investigative Leads		
Total Leads		
Number of Leads Investigated		
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened	ATF	
Number of Existing Investigations Supported by GRIT		
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution		
Number of Referrals to U.S. LE Agencies		
Number of Liaison Activities with the Gov. of Mexico		
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information	ATF	ATF
	0	ATF
	0	
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	0	
Number of FFL Inspections Initiated	ATF	
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	-	-
Number of Criminal Enforcement Referrals Made by IOIs to ATF LE	ATF	37

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Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force)

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785115-10-0004, Operation Fast and Furious

This OCDETF investigation

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

Update on Fast and Furious:

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

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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

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

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From: ATF

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

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SWAZP0496) that is a ATF

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Phoenix Gun Runner Impact Teams (GRIT)
Performance Report
May 24, 2010

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Number of Investigative Leads at the Start of GRIT (May 1, 2010)	ATF	
Number of New Investigative Leads		
Total Leads		
Number of Leads Investigated		
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened		
Number of Existing Investigations Supported by GRIT		
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution	0	
Number of Referrals to U.S. LE Agencies	0	
Number of Liaison Activities with the Gov. of Mexico	ATF	
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information	ATF	
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Number of FFL Inspections Completed		
FFL Adverse Actions Recommended:		
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Number of Licenses Surrendered in Lieu of Revocation	0	0
Number of Criminal Enforcement Referrals Made by IOIs to ATF LE	ATF	

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PHOENIX VII

CASE #: 785115-10-0004 Case Title: OPERATION FAST & FURIOUS

Brief Summary of Case:

This OCDETF case is

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From: ATF
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2010 9:26 AM
To: McMahon, William G. ATF
Subject: FW: GRIT Stats - AND Mex Reporter
Attachments: PHX GRIT Close Out Background 2010-09.docx

I wanted to make sure that both of you had this GRIT/Gunrunner info, which I assume was provided to DAD earlier.

The stats immediately below have been revised. I determined that PGA was working directly with PFD and using locally generated stats. I asked ATF to validate, and he was able to determine that PFD was actually slightly underreporting their performance data. I'll send you the revised stats.

The attachment is really what I thought you would want. It was prepared by PGA for the DD's trip to Phoenix. It outlines the Phoenix GRIT, and the Gunrunner/SWB initiatives generally.

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Chief, Firearms Operations Division
 ATF HQ - Room 6.S.129

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From: ATF
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 4:52 PM
To: ATF
Subject: GRIT Stats - AND Mex Reporter

Stuart

GRIT

Thank you for the heads up about ATF and the numbers ATF provided me with the necessary stats for Friday's news conference, For your reference, our main stats:

- Criminal cases opened – 176
- Defendants recommended – 66
- # of guns seized – 1285
- Ammo seized – 71,774
- FFL Insp – 806

I will begin working with DAD McMahon to ensure the Phoenix Division uses OSM stats in their handout materials.

Mexican Reporter

Below are the topics the reporter wishes to address (and our general responses are in red). I have also attached a general background sheet that was provided to Dep. Dir. – it includes

material from both GRITs and all of Gunrunner.

The reporter is conducting research with the Washington Post for a story concerning firearms trafficking from the U.S. to Mexico. Topics include:

- The work ATF is doing in the SWB states to prevent illegal firearms purchases (let's look at this as purchases, but also preventing trafficking)
 1. ATF's *Don't Lie for the Other Guy* program and sites where program was offered in last 18 months - El Paso, TX; Anaheim, CA
 2. During FFL compliance inspections, IOIs routinely educate the FFLs concerning detection of straw purchasers
 3. Gunrunner – (see attached)
 4. From fiscal years 2004 through 2009, Project Gunrunner referred for prosecution 1,012 cases involving 2,096 defendants
 - a. Those cases include 510 firearms trafficking cases with an estimated 15,296 firearms trafficked.
 5. Not just SWB states – ATF's Project Gunrunner targets firearms traffickers anywhere in country where the goal is to transport illegal firearms to Mexico
- The challenges ATF is facing in conducting trafficking investigations
 1. (After defining straw purchasers) Identifying straw purchasers during the course of investigation is a challenge – these violations often go undetected (we can never put a number on straw purchased guns – only those we believe are trafficked as a result of our investigations)
 2. The more firearms that are traced – the more valuable leads are developed – more tracing!
- The strategies Mexican “narcotraffickers” are using to traffic firearms
 1. Firearms are being trafficked across the border - vehicle / foot (ATF does not have evidence of large-scale movement of firearms across border – say 1,000 at a time)
 2. Existing drug trafficking routes are prized – and fought over in Mexico
 3. Cartel members are involved in the U.S. to acquire firearms as well as free lance US citizens (looking to make a buck)
 - a. In border states and inland as well
- Coordination with ICE and other federal partners
 1. ATF / ICE attend each other's conferences and share information on best practices and intelligence on criminal investigations
 2. ATF runs the Gun Desk at EPIC – all U.S. LE agencies sharing intelligence
 3. Sharing of intelligence with our GOM partners

The interview is set for 12:00 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 15. I am in the process of securing a conference room (unless you prefer to host interview in your office).

Thank you

Special Agent **ATF**
Program Manager
ATF HQ- Public Affairs Division

(202) 648-1 **ATF**

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Briefing Paper**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 that is being funded by a drug trafficking organization (DTO) that is involved in violent criminal activity in Mexico, Southern Arizona and many other regions of the United States. These acts contribute to violations of Federal Laws to include Firearms, Narcotics, Money Laundering, and Conspiracy Laws.

Agents believe that the Phoenix-based firearm trafficking group is actively purchasing firearms through straw purchasers using bulk narcotics proceeds. From October 2009 to October 2010 agents have documented that this organization has spent approximately 1.25 million dollars in cash at various Phoenix area FFLs to acquire in excess of 1,900 firearms. The firearms are then being trafficked into Mexico.

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Through these investigative techniques, agents have been able to identify additional co-conspirators and disrupt the firearms trafficking organization by seizing numerous firearms and narcotics. To date, 278 firearms and over fifty (50) pounds of marijuana have been recovered by ATF agents in addition to the numerous firearms and narcotic seizures in Mexico related to this investigation. An additional 72 firearms have been seized by U.S. law enforcement agencies in response to information received from ATF.

Evidence in ATF Custody: 278 firearms, 250 “drum” magazines, thousands of rounds of various caliber ammunition.

OPERATION DETAILS:

Command Post: 3010 North 2nd Street, Phoenix, AZ (OCDETF Strike Force location).

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

Arrest Teams: Four arrest teams, four search teams.

Additional ATF Support: No additional ATF support outside the reporting division will be needed to complete the operation.

Specialized ATF Support: ATF Special Response Team, (SRT).

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: ATF

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

Case Agent: ATF
Telephone:

RAC/GS: ATF
Telephone:

From: [REDACTED] ATF

Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 4:35 PM

To: Phoe-Group VII

Subject: meeting tomorrow

To all;

Tomorrow morning ASAC Gillett and myself are meeting with DEA ASAC Doug Coleman to discuss the Strike Force and [REDACTED] ATF. Afterwards Mr. Gillett and I would like to meet with Group VII members to discuss the upcoming [REDACTED] ATF and our expectations for the group. In summary this case being worked by Phoenix Group VII is the biggest SWB firearms trafficking case in the country and all eyes (at least all ATF eyes) are on us. We all need to join together for these next 30-90 days and make this case a huge success.

Thanks to everyone for their work thus far, your efforts are being noticed by others.

[REDACTED] ATF

Group Supervisor

Phoenix Group VII

[REDACTED] ATF

From: Melson, Kenneth E.
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 12:26 PM
To: B [ATF]
Subject: FW: Weapons seizures in Mexico

Would you set up a meeting with Mr. Breuer. Billy, Mark, and [ATF] should go too. Thanks.

From: Breuer, Lanny A. [mailto:Lanny.Breuer] [ATF]
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 10:18 AM
To: Melson, Kenneth E.
Cc: Siskel, Edward N. (ODAG) (SMO); Hoover, William J.; Weinstein, Jason; Rosen, Paul; Raman, Mythili; Fagell, Steven
Subject: RE: Weapons seizures in Mexico

Ken,

We think this is a terrific idea and a great way to approach the investigations of these seizures. Our Gang Unit will be assigning an attorney to help you coordinate this effort. Please let us know who will be the POC at ATF on this, and we'll have the Gang Unit folks reach out to that person. I would love to see you to discuss this further and other issues or common interest. I hope you are well.

Best,

Lanny

From: Melson, Kenneth E. [mailto:Ken.Melson] [ATF]
Sent: Thursday, December 03, 2009 5:46 PM
To: Breuer, Lanny A.
Cc: Siskel, Edward N. (ODAG) (SMO); Hoover, William J.
Subject: Weapons seizures in Mexico

Lanny: We have decided to take a little different approach with regard to seizures of multiple weapons in Mexico. Assuming the guns are traced, instead of working each trace almost independently of the other traces from the seizure, I want to coordinate and monitor the work on all of them collectively as if the seizure was one case. Using the traces as intelligence, and compiling the information from each trace investigation, we can connect the purchases, identify the traffickers and use more serious charges against them. The intelligence analysis and linking of trace data and investigation results will be done at HQ out of our intelligence directorate. I would like to see if you have any interest in assigning a criminal division attorney to work with that group to develop multi-division/district cases and perhaps go to the district with the best venue to indict the case. The level of activity will depend on the number of Mexican seizures, and whether they will trace the guns, or allow us to do it. We do seem to be making progress with our Mexican partners. We are currently working on a case with SSP which might lead us to the first joint arrest in Mexico of a person connect to US arms trafficking. We should meet again just to catch up on where we are in our gun trafficking issues and we could talk about the above idea as well. Let me know what you think. Thanks. Ken.

From: [ATF]
Sent: Friday, April 02, 2010 5:16 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
CC: Needles, James R.; [ATF]
Subject: Phoenix Field Division SWB Briefing Paper Submissions
Attachments: Phoenix SWB Submissions 4-2-10.doc

George,

Please find our division's submissions to the SWB Briefing Paper attached for your review. This should be forwarded to [ATF] by C.O.B., today.

Thank you.

[ATF] Acting Division Operations Officer
U.S. Department of Justice - ATF
201 E. Washington Street - Suite 940
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2428

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fax -776-5429

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PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION**ATF****Investigations:****Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force)****ATF**785115-10-0004.**ATF**

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From: [redacted] **ATF**
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2010 2:51 PM
To: Phoe-CE Supervisors; Phoe-IO Supervisors
CC: Cook, Nancy F.
Subject: SWB Submission Requested by 10 AM Friday (Tomorrow)
Attachments: SWB Briefing Paper - August 9, 2010.docx

Supervisors,

Please submit any narratives you might want to include in the next SWB Briefing Paper (not just GRIT cases) by tomorrow morning at 10 AM. I have attached the last report for your review.

Thank you.

[redacted] **ATF** Acting Division Operations Officer
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**Southwest Border Initiative
(Project Gunrunner)**

Biweekly Update

August 9, 2010

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.

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Fast and Furious 785115-10-0004:

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From: [redacted] **ATF**
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2011 7:22 PM
To: Case Management Branch; [redacted] **ATF**
CC: [redacted] **ATF** Needles, James R.
Subject: Significant Operations - Phoenix Field Division
Attachments: briefing paper for round-up.docx

Please accept this as the Phoenix Field Division report of significant operations planned for the remainder of January and February 2011. This division anticipates [redacted] **ATF** number 785115-10-0004, titled Operation Fast & Furious. A briefing paper is attached. A press conference with the Acting Director is planned for after this operation, on January 25, 2011. At this time, our division has no other significant operations planned during this reporting period.

Thank you.

Special Agent [redacted] **ATF**
Division Operations Officer
U.S. Department of Justice - **ATF**
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Case Agent:

Telephone:

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RAC/GS:

Telephone:

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From: Needles, James R.
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 5:16 PM
To: Newell, William D.
Subject: RE: Cases ready for indictment

10-4, I'll have a complete list of GRIT cases presented to the USAO for you later today.

From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 1:52 PM
To: Needles, James R.
Subject: Fw: Cases ready for indictment

Have [ATF] set up a VTC with HQ for the 17th brfing with [ATF] has a PowerPoint presentation then he'll need to send to HQ so the VTC folks can upload for the conference call. Thanks

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: Fri Aug 06 16:40:44 2010
Subject: RE: Cases ready for indictment

We can talk next week but I might like to listen in on that brief. Thanks.

From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 4:39 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: Re: Cases ready for indictment

I'm having GS [ATF] (Phoenix Grp VII Strike Force) brief the USA ref Fast/Furious at 2pm Pacific on the 17th. You want to VTC in?

Bill Newell

Special Agent in Charge

ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

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From: McMahon, William G.
To: Newell, William D.
Sent: Fri Aug 06 16:19:32 2010
Subject: RE: Cases ready for indictment

10-4 Bill. That is great news about the cases regarding GRIT in Tucson and Phoenix. We can talk next week at the SAC Conference but what are our plans between now and October on Fast/Furious?

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

From: Newell, William D.
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 3:40 PM
To: McMahon, William G.
Subject: Fw: Cases ready for indictment

We are putting together about ATF cases, these from Tucson plus ATF from Phoenix, for the proposed GRIT press conference scheduled for the 26th. We would have about ATF from Phoenix but roughly half of the straw purchaser cases we already have USAO approval to indict are tied directly to ATF having all of these put together in one document for you. Also, as per the USAO, Fast/Furious will be ready for indictment ATF

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Bill Newell
Special Agent in Charge
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)
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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
To: Needles, James R.
Cc: Newell, William D.
Sent: Fri Aug 06 13:09:53 2010
Subject: FW: Cases ready for indictment

Jim -

Per our discussion, here are the cases that are pending or able to be forwarded to the USAO for indictment in support of the GRIT press conference.

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

From: Nallin, Michael T.
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 5:09 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: Cases ready for indictment

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