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Fantastic cases

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More info on the case for next week:

Seventeen defendants have been indicted in five separate indictments involving approximately 300 guns (mostly AK style rifles) that we believe were headed to Mexico. This is an OCEDTF case (ICE and ATF) which is related to another OCEDTF case out of Laredo, TX. Four indictments charge 18 USC 924(a)(1)(A), false statement in connection with the acquisition of a firearm and conspiracy to commit 924(a)(1)(A).

Specifically, the defendants either recruited others to purchase firearms on their behalf or the straw purchasers lied on the ATF form 4473. The fifth indictment charges two undocumented aliens with 18 USC 922(g)(5)(A), illegal alien in Possession of a firearm. Those defendants stored the firearms at their residence until they were told to deliver it to another party (undercover agent). There were two deliveries involving a total of 227 firearms and ammunition. The firearms were headed to Mexico but were officially seized in Texas.

Two indictments are still sealed and the remaining 10 defendants will be arrested on Tuesday morning. I am working on a press release for Wednesday. All but a handful of the firearms purchased in this case have been seized. Also, seven rifles were seized in Mexico, six in February 2010 and one in August 2010. No defendant or target was allowed to keep a firearm.

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Thx

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Great job!

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Just wanted to let you know that [ATF] and Jim were absolutely terrific during the briefing today. It went really well, and I think it went a long way toward conveying the truth about ATF's high level of skill and sophistication, both generally and in F&F specifically, and correcting the completely erroneous impression of the agency reflected in Sen. Grassley's letters. I doubt this is over, but OLA felt like we had dialed it down quite a bit.

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