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This is from LA times to ATF at ATF. FYI, I was cc-ed. She's doing a pretty big story hitting on the Grassley stuff. She was covering this before, then left for Egypt to cover that, and is now back and catching up.

From: Murphy, Kim [mailto:kamurphy@tribune.com]
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Hi ATF and Robbie,

I am working with the Center for Public Integrity and CBS on a follow up to the Gunrunner case, and we have as I'm sure you know routed most of our big-picture questions through Washington, D.C.

But I was hoping for some help from one of you on one of the small details. The documents released so far show that ATF agents noticed that four weapons recovered in Naco, Sonora on Nov. 20, 2009 were purchased at ATF ATF purchased five more guns at ATF on Nov. 25, 2009.

My questions, in order of priority:

1. There was a much-publicized arrest in Naco on Nov. 20, 2009 of a woman, Veronica Alvarez Toscano, who was found by Mexican Customs to have 47 AK-47s and other weapons in her car. I am assuming, but would like to verify, that you traced at least four of THOSE weapons to ATF? (There is always the possibility that they were recovered somewhere else in Naco on that day, but I sort of doubt it.)
2. Who bought those guns found on Nov. 20? Was it ATF? If so, was this your first inkling of him, or was he already on your radar?
3. Who is the biggest fish in the recent round of indictments, and what is their position in the DTO, and which DTO is it?
4. Can you tell me anything else about ATF background? Occupation, prior history, citizenship, etc.?

Because I am tied to the CPI and CBS on this story, I must complete it by this afternoon. I would greatly appreciate any quick answers you could give me.

with thanks,

Kim

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