

Department of Justice FY 2012 budget overview (AG House hearing)

(AG - Wolf 20 - Gunrunning - OLA)

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- What is your response to these allegations?**

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- Is it true that a Customs and Border Protection agent was shot in December with rifles purchased in Arizona earlier in the year as part of the ATF's effort?**

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(AG - Wolf 22 - IG Report on Project Gunrunner - OLA)

Since 2009, we have appropriated more than \$65 million for Project Gunrunner. The Inspector General's November 2010 report on this program found several weaknesses including that "ATF's expansion of its e-Trace system (to trace guns seized in Mexico) has yielded very limited information of intelligence value."

- Has the report caused you to rethink this program?**

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