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**Subject:** RE: Analysis of April 29, 2011 Juarez, Mexico firearms seizure

Paying for multiple weapons with a large amount of cash is one of the warning signs that a purchaser might be a straw. Not sure whether that would cause a FFL not to make a sale though.

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**From:** [ATF] (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 04, 2011 8:47 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: Analysis of April 29, 2011 Juarez, Mexico firearms seizure

Was there some indicia about [ATF] that would cause another FFL to not make an initial sale?

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True. But the question is whether the other FFL would make the sale. One of the allegations here is that the FFLs kept selling despite their reservations because ATF assured them it was okay to do so.

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**From:** [ATF] (ODAG)  
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Very important fact to keep in mind. If [ATF] were turned away by a friendly FFL and went to another FFL to buy – we would not know it.

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No. There is no gun purchaser database. All of the 4473s remain with the FFLs. They never get sent to ATF (unless the FFL goes out of business). If ATF wanted to do a search for all firearms purchased by [ATF], they literally would have to contact every FFL and either go through all of the FFL's 4473s or through the FFL's Acquisition and Disposition log.

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**From:** [ATF] (ODAG)  
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**Subject:** RE: Analysis of April 29, 2011 Juarez, Mexico firearms seizure

Is there no way to search the purchaser data by name?

- 1 of the two Barrett, .50 caliber rifles was purchased by [ATF] an indicted straw purchaser in the "Fast and Furious" investigation.

Until this Juarez seizure this was an unknown purchase by [ATF]. The trace results show that he purchased this rifle at an FFL in Goodyear, Arizona on 12/31/2009. Neither this sale nor this FFL had ever been linked to the "Fast and Furious" investigation.

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More Fast and Furious guns recovered in MX last week.

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**From:** [ATF] (ATF)  
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**To:** [ATF] (ATF); [ATF] (ODAG)  
**Subject:** FW: Analysis of April 29, 2011 Juarez, Mexico firearms seizure

[ATF] and [ATF]

Please see the update below re the search warrant execution in Juarez, MX on April 29<sup>th</sup>. It includes the results of many of the traces conducted on the firearms recovered.

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**From:** McMahon, William G.  
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**To:** Hoover, William J.; Chait, Mark R.  
**Subject:** Analysis of April 29, 2011 Juarez, Mexico firearms seizure

On April 29, 2011 Mexican SSP officials in Juarez, acting on information provided to them by U.S. law enforcement on April 26, 2011, searched five locations in the area purportedly belonging to Sinaloa cartel members with a focus on finding key Sinaloa Cartel leaders and a safe house where a large cache of weapons was alleged to be located. The locations were all associated with [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] and the members of his assassination squads. The information was generated from an arrest made the previous week of a high level member of the Sinaloa Cartel in Ciudad Juarez by DEA on an OCDETF case cosponsored by DEA, ATF, and FBI.

At one location a large quantity of firearms, firearm accessories, ammunition, tactical gear, and related items were found behind a hidden wall in an area of the house used as a gym (see attached photo from open source).

The following items were seized from this hidden room:

- 39 Firearms (**14 with obliterated serial numbers**)
- 30 Fragmentation grenades
- 9 CS gas and smoke grenade canisters
- 19 ballistic vests (many with level IV plates)
- 4 gas masks
- Several green military type BDU's (not current Mexican military uniforms)
- 294 magazines for several different firearms
- 26,708 cartridges of ammunition of various calibers
- 19 bayonets for AK-47 rifles
- 3 money counting machines
- 1 scale
- 1 vacuum sealer for plastic bags
- Several sets of tactical gear (belts, holsters, etc.)
- 2 emergency light kits (red)

All of the items seized were examined and photographed by U.S. federal agents from the US

Consulate (ATF, DEA, and FBI) on April 30, 2011, at the SSP office in Ciudad Juarez.

On May 3, 2011 analysis of ATF eTrace information of the traceable firearms revealed the following:

- [ATF] Romarm/Cugir, AK-47 variant rifles linked to the Phoenix "Fast and Furious" investigation.

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- None of these 5 purchases were part of a surveillance but rather information received from the FFL after the fact

[ATF]

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[ATF]  
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- [ATF] the other firearms so far have traced to FFLs at [ATF]

- The remaining firearms traces are pending completion by the National Tracing Center.

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