

**From:** Hoover, William J. (ATF)  
**To:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
**Sent:** 5/19/2011 6:00:56 AM  
**Subject:** RE: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s.

Matt,

**DPP**

Billy

William J. Hoover  
Deputy Director  
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**From:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG) [mailto:Matthew.Axelrod@usdoj.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 18, 2011 8:30 PM  
**To:** Hoover, William J.  
**Subject:** RE: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s.

Thanks, Billy. Will you guys be communicating this to Faith through other channels, or do you want me to forward this to her? Also, do we know how many of the 52 "Fast and Furious" guns are guns tied to actual indicted Fast and Furious defendants (as opposed to Fast and Furious suspects)?

**DPP**

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**From:** Hoover, William J. (ATF)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 18, 2011 8:23 PM  
**To:** Axelrod, Matthew (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Fw: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s.

This is in response to Brian Downey's email tonight. Please note that this investigation is ongoing.

Billy

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** ATF  
**To:** Chat, Mark R.; Hoover, William J.  
**Cc:** Newell, William D.; Needles, James R.  
**Sent:** Wed May 18 20:20:16 2011  
**Subject:** RE: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s.

As of this moment, no NForce ROIs or SIRs in the "F&F" case related to this 4/13/11 event. The F&F case Management Log has an entry dated 4/18/11, copied verbatim below. Further below, I attached a 4/15/11 email from ATF on this topic. SAC Newell just confirmed through ASAC Needles that a separate ATF case number (785115-11-0018) was pulled for this event, that 52 of the 60 firearms have been identified as F&F guns, and that earlier today (5) persons were indicted by ATF related to this event in support of DEA. Authorization for release of any specific information should be coordinated through USAO AUSA Jonell Lucca and DEA GS [redacted] and SA [redacted] ATF GS [redacted] case agent S [redacted] ATF.

5/18/11 email from ASAC Needles:

From: Needles, James R.  
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 7:55 PM  
To: Newell, William D. [redacted] ATF  
Subject: DEA Recovery



\*\*\*\* [redacted] DEA \*\*\*\*

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4/18/11 Management Log entry:

"Spoke to DEA Case Agent [redacted] DEA regarding firearms seizure on 4/13/2011. On 4/14/2011, DEA agent [redacted] DEA provided a list of serial numbers of the firearms/boxes that were seized. On 4/18/2011, S/A [redacted] ATF provided a hard copy to DEA case agent [redacted] DEA of indicted defendants and unindicted suspect purchasers related to the seized firearms. DEA Case Agent [redacted] DEA advised S/A [redacted] ATF that DEA would be maintaining the firearms as evidence in their case. On 4/18/11, S/A [redacted] ATF also received a list from DEA Case Agent [redacted] DEA of the firearms tags that were also seized in their investigation. On 4/18/11 S/A [redacted] ATF viewed the firearm with serial number 1971DF3886 and confirmed it was the correct serial number for that firearm."

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4/15/11 email string:

From: [redacted] ATF  
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 7:30 PM  
To: [redacted] ATF  
Subject: Re: update with DEA case

Thank you!  
[redacted] ATF

Center  
ATF Public Affairs Division

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From: **ATF**  
To: **ATF**  
Sent: Fri Apr 15 18:33:37 2011  
Subject: FW: update with DEA case

FYI - This is for information only. The details are being gathered by PFD. I discussed with SAC Newell that this might lead to some media inquiries and you should be aware.

**ATF**

Chief, Firearms Operations Division  
ATF HQ - Room 6.S.129  
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From: Newell, William D.  
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 4:08 PM  
To: **ATF**  
Subject: Fw: update with DEA case

FYI

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From: Brandon, Thomas E.  
To: Chait, Mark R.; McMahon, William G.; Newell, William D.; Needles, James R.  
Cc: Atteberry, Thomas G.  
Sent: Fri Apr 15 16:05:30 2011  
Subject: FW: update with DEA case  
FYI

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From: **ATF**  
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2011 3:48 PM  
To: Atteberry, Thomas G.; Brandon, Thomas E.  
Subject: update with DEA case

Gentlemen,

DEA case originated in April of 2010. They conducted **ATF** seized (all numbers approximate) 3 million in currency, 84 kilos of cocaine, 10 pounds of meth.

The call the other day to SA **DEA** as in regards to 46 firearms and 4 empty gun boxes (FN 5.7mm). Of those 46 firearms, 40 appear to come back to suspects of the Fast and Furious investigation. Of those 40 firearms they originate from 7 straw purchasers, 4 of whom have already been indicted and arrested.

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Yet the DEA lists it as being recovered in this event so we might have to verify a few serial numbers or there may be something else going on here? Of the 4 empty FN gun boxes 3 were purchased by 2 different straw purchasers from Fast and Furious, both who have been indicted and arrested. (The plastic gun box has a serial number sticker on the outside of the box.)

At 2 other locations (which to the best of my knowledge SA **DEA** was not called on?) the DEA also recovered firearms from Fast and Furious:

**DEA**

**ATF**

In summary 47 of the 60 firearms appear to be purchased by suspects associated with Fast & Furious, and 3 of the 4 empty gun boxes appear to be purchased by suspects associated with Fast & Furious.

Thanks,

**ATF**

Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII

**ATF**

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**ATF**

Chief, Firearms Operations Division  
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202.648 **ATF** Cell **ATF**

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-----Original Message-----

From: **ATF**  
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 6:19 PM  
To: McDermond, James E.: **ATF**  
Subject: Fw: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s.  
Importance: High

Fyi.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep) <Brian\_Downey@judiciary-rep.senate.gov>  
To: Gaston, Molly (SMO); Burton, Faith (SMO); **ATF**; Hoover, William J.  
Cc: Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep) <Tristan\_Leavitt@judiciary-rep.senate.gov>; Foster, Jason (Judiciary-Rep) <Jason\_Foster@judiciary-rep.senate.gov>; Stephen.Castor@mail.house.gov <Stephen.Castor@mail.house.gov>; Pinto, Ashok (Ashok.Pinto@mail.house.gov) <Ashok.Pinto@mail.house.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 18 17:57:20 2011  
Subject: FW: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s.

Can you please confirm whether Phoenix DEA seized 50 to 60 AK-47s that are ATF Operation Fast and Furious guns? Please advise.

Thanks,

Brian

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Ranking Member Charles E. Grassley  
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
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(F) 202-224-3799

-----Original Message-----

From: **DEA** [mailto:Sheldon.R.Shoemaker@usdoj.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 3:50 PM  
To: Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep); Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep)  
Subject: RE: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s.

Brian,

I received your inquiry.

**DEA**  
**DEA** DEA Congressional Affairs  
**DEA**

-----Original Message-----

From: Downey, Brian (Judiciary-Rep)  
[mailto:Brian\_Downey@judiciary-rep.senate.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2011 1:32 PM  
To: **DEA**; Leavitt, Tristan (Judiciary-Rep)  
Subject: DEA seizure of ATF Fast and Furious AK-47s.  
Importance: High

**DEA**

Can you please confirm whether phoenix DEA seized 50 to 60 AK 47s that are ATF Operation Fast and Furious guns?

Thanks,

Brian