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**From:** Martinez, Viviana (USAAZ)  
**To:** Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)  
**Sent:** 6/13/2011 8:34:44 PM  
**Subject:** RE: La Opinion Clarification  
**Attachments:** La Opinion Clarification.pdf

As part of a special series entitled "A country at arms," an article was printed last Thursday entitled "A constantly expanding business" where it said that Robbie Sherwood, a spokesperson for the Prosecutor of the State of Arizona stated that a large majority of weapons confiscated in crimes on the other side of the border come from a small number of stores, including [ATF]. By error, this information was attributed to the Prosecutor's spokesperson, when in reality, the name of the store [ATF] is mentioned in public records and corresponds to only a number of weapons in one specific case and this store is not involved in other incidents of weapons trafficking seen in the District of Arizona. Sherwood clarified that "he does not know the names of weapons distributors involved in the cases under investigation."

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**From:** Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 13, 2011 5:33 PM  
**To:** Martinez, Viviana (USAAZ)  
**Subject:** La Opinion Clarification

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**From:** Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) [Contractor]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2011 11:15 AM  
**To:** Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Morrissey, Mike (USAAZ)  
**Subject:** La Opinion Clarification

Attached is the clarification that La Opinion did at my request last week. It essentially admits the error of sourcing me to that material, says that info about [ATF] was part of public records specific to one case, and that I didn't know the extent of their involvement in other cases. Also, below is an email that the reporter sent me while reporting the story. As you can see it's dated March 14. She also notes that I told her I couldn't comment on F&F. I didn't find any responses from me to this email, which I most likely gave her over the phone. Obviously we didn't provide additional sources for her story, and I only gave her what I indicated (the Washington Post story, and F&F indictment) on background.

Robbie

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**From:** Claudia Nunez [<mailto:claudia.nunez@laopinion.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2011 5:37 PM  
**To:** Sherwood, Robert (USAAZ) [Contractor]  
**Subject:** Interview Request

Hi Robert,

As we discussed over the phone today, I am working on a national multi-media project dealing with the trafficking of arms and I would like to obtain an interview with a specialist in your agency that can provide general comments on this issue. Some of the questions will be...the use of women as straw purchasers, the related offense for straw purchasers, and a general profile of the Arizona market for this illicit activity.

During the interview, we will not ask about specific cases or about "Fast and Furious", as you mentioned, you cannot comment on. The project is mainly an

informative one about the illicit arms trade.

Regards,

Claudia Nunez, Reporter

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