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From: ATF
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 12:58 PM
To: Coleman, Douglas W. (DEA-US); Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: Strike Force stats for first quarter; Dec-March 2010


Doug,

Per your request I have listed the below stats for ATF Phoenix Group VII as part of the Phoenix Strike Force for the first quarter of 2010 (Dec-March):

1. One paragraph narrative on significant investigation: On or about October 1, 2009, individuals in the Phoenix, Arizona area began to purchase firearms, firearm magazines and/or ammunition to be transported to Mexico. Case agents have identified 25 individuals that have purchased in excess of 1,200 firearms in the Phoenix area with over \$750,000.00 in over-the-counter cash transactions. Twenty-two of these individuals have purchased firearms that were recovered in Mexico in the possession of drug traffickers affiliated with the Sinaloa Cartel. Over 50 firearms purchased by two of these individuals were recovered in stash locations or during crossings along the border in Arizona and Texas and were destined for delivery to the drug traffickers. There was an extremely short time span, ranging from one (1) day to less than a month, between the purchases of these firearms and the recoveries in/near Mexico. The case is an approved OCDETF investigation; Operation-The Fast and the Furious. Investigative measures are being taken to identify the persons involved in the international firearms procurement, transportation, financial and distribution network in this case. The investigation will determine their roles within the Drug Trafficking Organization(s) as well as the organizations affiliation with the Sinaloa Cartel.
2. Federal Arrests: 4
3. Firearm and Narcotics Seizures: Firearms = 85, Narcotics = 16 pounds methamphetamine
4. Assets Seized: \$140,000.00 U.S. currency
5. OCDETF cases opened: 2 - Operation White Gun & Operation Fast and Furious
6. Number of T-III Audio Intercepts: 1 (Federal)
7. Significant Indictments: 4 individuals indicted as part of Operation White Gun after the reversal of methamphetamine and currency in exchange for prop machine guns, missile launchers, and grenades, by ATF undercover agents. Indicted individuals stated the props were being obtained on behalf of the Chapo Guzman DTO.

ATF

Group Supervisor
Phoenix Group VII



From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 3:08 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: RE: F/F Summary Chart

George



F&F Summary.xlsx

Attached is the updated firearms recovery chart that cites the following.

- Indicted targets that purchased firearms
- Date targets were entered into N-Force (identified)
- Number of firearms purchased prior to date of entry
- Number of firearms purchased after date of entry
- Number of firearms purchased after date of entry and recovered in the U.S.

Please advise if you have any questions or require additional information.

Additionally, IRS Ramos is preparing a similar chart for the Operation Wide Receiver investigation. This chart is expected to be completed today.

ATF - Senior IRS
Acting Intel Group Supervisor
[REDACTED] - Direct
[REDACTED] - Mobile
[REDACTED] - Fax

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

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 7:07 AM
To: ATF
Subject: Fw: F/F chart

Pls see the SAC's comments.

George T. Gillett
ASAC - Phoenix Field Division
Cell: [REDACTED]

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

From: Newell, William D.

To: Needles, James R.; Gillett, George T. Jr.

Sent: Wed Mar 16 08:57:11 2011

Subject: F/F chart

Did **ATF** finish the F/F chart showing a breakdown of how many of the 1318 guns we seized? Also, the Wide Receiver chart? Need them asap. Thanks

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Indicted targets (Purchasers)	<i>Date identified (entered) in investigation</i>	<i>Firearms purchased before target was identified (entered) in investigation</i>	<i>Firearms purchased after target was identified (entered) in investigation</i>	<i>TOTALS</i>	<i>Firearms recovered in U.S. after target was identified (entered) in investigation</i>
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From: ATF
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2010 10:47 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: The week in review

George,

The following is a approximate update of this weeks activities in review. If I have omitted something it is due to the busy schedule not intentional;

[REDACTED]

Since 03/15/2010 our targets have purchased 105 firearms from local FFLs. This includes 3 Barrett .50 caliber rifles. On one occasion surveillance followed ATF and Moore from SGC to LWTC to Acosta's location; 20th and Indian School [REDACTED] At Acosta's location firearms were transferred into 3 separate waiting vehicles. Additional firearms were observed being transported to 3332 Chanute Pass, Phoenix, AZ (previously unidentified address.) The tracker confirmed that ATF drove to our previously identified auto business after purchasing a Barrett . 50 caliber rifle.

[REDACTED]

ATF

Group Supervisor
Phoenix Group VII
[REDACTED]

From: ATF
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 8:05 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.; Needles, James R.
Subject: FW: El Paso - Phoenix connections

Just FYI...no action needed.

From: ATF
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 4:54 PM
To: Hall, Steven M.; Kushner, Michael A.; Martinez, Jesus M. (DEA-US); Medina, Luis (DEA-US); Christian, Scott S.; Carrizal, Shannon L.; ATF
Subject: El Paso - Phoenix connections

To all;

My name is ATF and I am the ATF Group Supervisor for Phoenix Group VII, which is the Southwest Border Firearms Trafficking Group.

On a current OCDETF case we are investigating here in Phoenix we have strong connections to El Paso, TX. Without going into too much detail we have over 60 firearms purchased by our suspects here in Phoenix recovered in El Paso, the most recent being last night/today. We have targets of our investigation here calling several (915) area code numbers with high frequency and one of our suspects has made multiple trips to El Paso, TX in the last few weeks. Also we have suspects that are residents of Phoenix, AZ that utilize the El Paso Port of Entry to cross into (or return from) Mexico.

My goal is not to hinder any agencies investigation but rather to enhance all of our cases. I am suggesting that we arrange a conference call between Phoenix (DEA & ATF) and El Paso (DEA & ATF) next Monday to share information.

Thanks to all in advance,

ATF
Group Supervisor
Phoenix Group VII
[REDACTED]

From: [ATF]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 7:03 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: update

[ATF] and Moore bought a Barrett .50 caliber rifle today @ SGC. They drove in [ATF] Ford Escape. Then they drove directly to LWTC and are currently buying; [ATF] – 10 AK/47s and waiting as Moore makes additional purchases. Our surveillance guys/gals have been on them all day and are going a great job.

Further we received the Nextel's this afternoon and have pushed them out to the surveillance units; people are loving them so far!

[REDACTED]

[ATF]
Group Supervisor
Phoenix Group VII
[REDACTED]

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 1:44 PM
To: ATF
Subject: RE: update

Excellent. Good work and my compliments to the personnel that are working.

From: ATF
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 10:43 AM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: update

We have obtained the 4473s from ATF & our suspects actually bought 54 firearms yesterday; all AK-47 and FN 5.7 pistols.

They ATF have called ATF today to inquire about additional FN5.7 Pistols and a Barrett .50 caliber rifle.

We have dispatched surveillance units to ATF to follow him if/when he arrives.

54 guns in one day is a record! Good time to have additional bodies for surveillance. They must be putting a special order together?

ATF
Group Supervisor
Phoenix Group VII
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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 7:47 PM
To: Newell, William D.
Cc: Needles, James R.
Subject: Fw: U.S. Border Patrol Agent killed in the line of duty - Two firearms recovered by ATF

Bill -

FYI -

George T. Gillett
ASAC - Phoenix Field Division
Cell: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] ATF
To: Serrano, Ricardo; [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] ATF
Cc: Gillett, George T. Jr.; Needles, James R.
Sent: Wed Dec 15 19:45:03 2010
Subject: U.S. Border Patrol Agent killed in the line of duty - Two firearms recovered by ATF

The two firearms recovered by ATF this afternoon near Rio Rico, Arizona, in conjunction with the shooting death of U.S. Border Patrol agent Terry were identified as 'Suspect Guns' in the Fast and Furious investigation 785115-10-0004.

The firearms are identified as follows:

Romarm/CUGIR, 762 rifle, Model GP WASR 10/63, serial number [REDACTED]
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GS Serrano contact me late this afternoon requesting Intel assistance in the tracing of two recovered firearms.

I initiated an urgent firearms trace requests on both of the firearms and then contacted the NTC to ensure the traces were conducted today.

I was advised by the NTC that the firearms were entered into ATF Suspect Gun database by SA Medina and associated to the Fast and Furious investigation. The NTC further advised that on 01/16/10 Jaime [REDACTED] ATF purchased three Romarm 7.62 rifles from [REDACTED] ATF two of these firearms are the recovered firearms cited above.

No trace has been submitted on the third firearm purchased by [REDACTED] ATF (serial number [REDACTED]). I am researching the trace status of the firearms recovered earlier today by the FBI.

Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me.

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 11:24 AM
To: All Phoenix Exchange
Subject: U.S. Border Patrol Agent killed in the line of duty

A U.S. Border Patrol agent, Brian A. Terry, 40, was shot and killed north of the Arizona-Mexico border while trying to catch bandits who target illegal immigrants. Terry, working as part of a BORTAC unit, was waiting with three other agents in a remote area north of Nogales, Ariz., late Tuesday night when a gunfight with the bandits began. No other agents were injured, but one of the suspects was wounded in the shootout. Terry was shot in the back and was pronounced dead at approximately 4:00 AM today.

The FBI is investigating the shooting. Four suspects are in custody and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ATF Tucson personnel are assisting with the follow-up investigation and will be assisting with a search of the area. A firearm in the custody of the FBI is currently being traced.

George T. Gillett
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
ATF - Phoenix Field Division
Office: [REDACTED]

From: Serrano, Ricardo
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 6:46 PM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Subject: Re: Nogales Shooting

Boss Thus far these are the only two that have been identified that I know. Very difficult to reach these guys roaming the hills. I will find out. From talking with Frank sounds like they are out in the middle of nowhere. He had to climb a ridge for air service. Talked to she will call with trace results. From Fast and Furious

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
To: Serrano, Ricardo
Cc: Newell, William D.
Sent: Wed Dec 15 18:31:58 2010
Subject: Re: Nogales Shooting

Thank you, Rick. Are these two in addition to the gun already recovered this morning?

George T. Gillett
ASAC - Phoenix Field Division
Cell: [REDACTED]

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To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Wed Dec 15 18:26:40 2010
Subject: Re: Nogales Shooting

George. I am still here at the CISEN Intel meeting at TPD. I just talked Frank out in Nogales in the hills. They have two AKs WASHRs from CAI. I have called Marge to trace the guns. She has initiated an urgent. I am the poc for the traces

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
To: Serrano, Ricardo
Cc: Nallin, Michael T.; Newell, William D.
Sent: Wed Dec 15 12:02:14 2010
Subject: RE: Nogales Shooting

Thanks Rick. I appreciate the update.

From: Serrano, Ricardo
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 9:54 AM
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Cc: Nallin, Michael T.
Subject: Nogales Shooting

Just talked to an FBI agent, the BP did recovered an AK47, and they will provide us the info. We will conduct an urgent trace immediately after we get the info- if they haven't already through other channels.

Rick Serrano
Cell [REDACTED]

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Rick Serrano
Cell [REDACTED]

From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 11:37 AM
To: Serrano, Ricardo
Cc: Newell, William D.
Subject: Firearms recovered

Rick –

Would you please identify the number of weapons recovered yesterday and clarify whether there are 2 or 3 firearms in evidence at this point. The SAC is forwarding a briefing paper so Acting Director Melson can discuss this with the Director of the Border Patrol and we would like to include that info.

Thanks!

Phoenix Gun Runner Impact Teams (GRIT)
Performance Report
 May 24, 2010

GRIT Performance for Reporting Period May 1 - 20, 2010		
	Reporting Period	Since Inception
Number of Investigative Leads at the Start of GRIT (May 1, 2010)	N/A	25
Number of New Investigative Leads	18	18
Total Leads		43
Number of Leads Investigated	4	4
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened	10	10
Number of Existing Investigations Supported by GRIT	10	10
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution	0	0
Number of Referrals to U.S. LE Agencies	0	0
Number of Liaison Activities with the Gov. of Mexico	3	3
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information	5	5 firearms
	0	rounds of ammunition
	0	blasting caps
	0	\$ in currency
	0	Cocaine
	0	Methamphetamine
	0	Marijuana
Number of FFL Inspections Initiated	354	354
Number of FFL Inspections Completed	18	18
FFL Adverse Actions Recommended:	2	2
Number of Warning Letters/Warning Conferences	3	3
Number of Revocations (Recommended by Division and Concurred by HQ)	0	0
Number of Licenses Surrendered in Lieu of Revocation	0	0
Number of Criminal Enforcement Referrals Made by IOIs to ATF LE	9	9

Criminal Enforcement

Phoenix VII

785115-10-0004 OPERATION FAST & FURIOUS

This OCDETF case is a large scale firearms trafficking case with the firearms being recovered either in the Republic of Mexico or on/near the U.S./Mexico border (El Paso, TX, Nogales, AZ, Douglas, AZ, etc.) To date, over 1,500 firearms have been purchased since October 2009 for over one million (\$1,000,000) cash in over-the-counter transactions at various Phoenix area FFLs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There are many facets to this investigation but ATF is attempting to not only secure a straw purchase/dealing in firearms without a license case against various individuals but more specifically to make the bigger connection to the Mexican Cartel/Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) obtaining these firearms for the best possible case and the most severe charges when it is time to indict this case.

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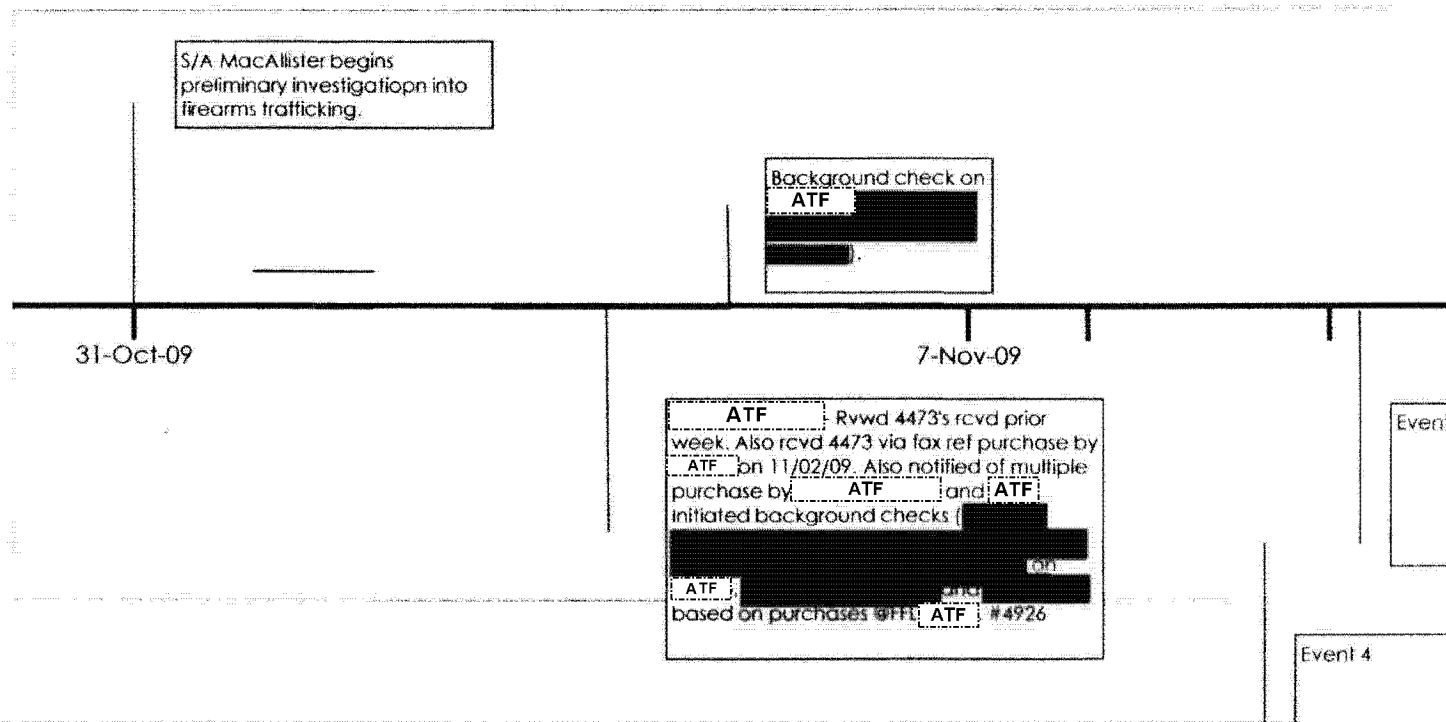
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