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From: AIF
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 12:50 PM To: ATF
Subject: RE: write up for ASAC
That is great thanks!
From: ATF Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 8:37 AM To: ATF Subject: RE: write up for ASAC
Is this OK?
ATF Phoenix Group VII – Phoenix Strike Force has begun an investigation into the firearms trafficking activities of To date, this investigation, aided by a reliable confidential source (hereinafter CS), has determined that at least 14 firearms (with many more suspected "straw" purchasers providing a large amount of additional firearms) have been purchased on behalf of, and subsequently delivered to By his own account (documented in audio recordings between and the CS), obliterates the serial numbers of these firearms prior to his delivering them "South (to Mexico)". The CS was able to successfully introduce S/A ATF to South (to Mexico)". The CS was able to successfully introduce S/A ATF to South (to Mexico)". The CS was able to meet South (see Firearms (specifically military grade armament and ordinance). Subsequently, S/A ATF to "straw" purchase AK pistols from local FFL's and agreed to pay S/A ATF \$100.00 profit for each one delivered. Additionally, expressed his desire to purchase suppressors (in 9mm, .45, .223, 7.62), 40mm.grenade launchers, and 40mm High Explosive (HE or other anti-personnel type) in whatever quantities that S/A ATF was able to obtain. On June 1st, acting in an undercover capacity, S/A ATF belivered 6 AK "DRACO" pistols to Preimbursed S/A ATF \$300 for each pistol, plus provided S/A ATF with \$600 for conducting the "straw" purchases and an additional \$100 bonus. During the U/c OP, Stated his intent to sell/traffic the pistols for profit and again expressed his interest in purchasing the military hardware/ammunition/firearms. Salso requested that S/A ATF have a "trap" installed in his ("s) vehicle to assist with his trafficking activities.
ATF Special Agent / ATF - Phoenix Group VII 3010 N 2nd ST, Suite #301 Phoenix, AZ 85012 ATF / Fax: (602) 605-6500 / ATF
"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he to-day that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile, this day shall gentle his condition; and gentlemen in England now-a-bed shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here, and hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks that fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day." William Shakespeare, <i>Henry V</i>
From: ATF Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 5:32 PM To: ATF Subject: write up for ASAC ATF

In all seriousness can you please provide me a short written summary hitting the high points of your ongoing case. ASAC Needles wants to be able to brief the Director while he is in town. Please have to me be noon Tuesday, June 8th.

Thanks,

ATF

Group Supervisor Phoenix Group VII

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From: ATF			
Sent: Wednesday, June 16,	Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 12:33 PM		
To: Schultejann, Catherine	Y.		
Subject: Memo's			
Attachments: prop memo	on letterhead.doc; prop memo on letterhead (AT4 LAW) 2.docx		
Katie,			
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Can print these on letterhead	for me and put them in ATF box for signature?		
Thomas			
Thanks,			
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MEMORANDUM TO:

Deputy Assistant Director

Field Operations West

THRU:

Special Agent in Charge

Phoenix Field Division

FROM:

Resident Agent in Charge

Phoenix Group VII Field Office

SUBJECT:

Request for Undercover Merchandise (Props)

In accordance with ATF O 3250.1A, this memorandum is submitted in support of a request for explosive

props, in investigation: 785115-10-0010. This investigation is an ATF Phoenix Group VII / Phoenix Strike-Force case; ATF Phoenix Group VII / Phoenix Strike-Force has begun an investigation into the firearms trafficking To date, this investigation, aided by a reliable confidential source (hereinafter CS), has determined that at least 20 firearms (with many more suspected "straw" purchasers providing a large amount of additional firearms) have been purchased on behalf of, and subsequently delivered to By his own account (documented in audio recordings between and the CS), obliterates the serial numbers of these firearms prior to his delivering them "South (to Mexico)". The CS was able to successfully introduce S/A ATF to as a new, potential "straw" purchaser and someone who may be able to meet s recent request for NFA type firearms (specifically military grade armament and ordinance). Subsequently, S/A ATF participated in a controlled meeting (meet and greet) with during which solicited S/A ATF to "straw" purchase AK pistols from local FFL's and agreed to pay S/A ATF \$100.00 profit for each one delivered. Additionally, expressed his desire to purchase suppressors (in 9mm, .45, .223, 7.62), 40mm grenade launchers, and 40mm High Explosive (HE or other anti-personnel type) ammunition, in whatever

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Strike-Force conducted an undercover operation against

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and again

The requested props will be used for an ATF reverse sting operation. The subjects will not be permitted to leave with the props. The props will be recovered upon the arrest of the subjects. Assistant United States Attorney Emory Hurley has been contacted to discuss the case and the use of props.

This request is to obtain and use the following props from ATF Explosives Technology Branch (ETB):

- 1) One AT-4 missile launcher.
- 2) One LAW missile launcher.
- 3) One case (10-20) of inert 40mm Grenades capable/compatible with being fired from a Def-Tech 40 mm grenade launcher.

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MEMORANDUM TO:

Special Agent in Charge

Phoenix Field Division

FROM:

Resident Agent in Charge

Phoenix Group VII Field Office

SUBJECT:

Request for use of Undercover Merchandise (Props)

In accordance with ATF O 3250.1A, this memorandum is submitted in support of a request for Special Agent in Charge (SAC) approval to use undercover merchandise, specifically explosive props, in investigation: 785115-10-0020. This investigation is an ATF Phoenix Strike-Force case;

ATF Phoenix Group VII / Phoenix Strike-Force has begun an investigation into the firearms trafficking
activities of To date, this investigation, aided by a reliable confidential source
(hereinafter CS), has determined that at least 20 firearms (with many more suspected "straw" purchasers
providing a <u>large amount of</u> additional firearms) have been purchased on behalf of, and subsequently
delivered to By his own account (documented in audio recordings between
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ATF also requested that S/A ATF have a "trap" installed in his (s)
vehicle to assist with his trafficking activities.

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The requested props will be used for an ATF reverse sting operation. The subjects will not be permitted to leave with the props. The props will be recovered upon the arrest of the subjects. Assistant United States Attorney Emory Hurley has been contacted to discuss the case and the use of props.

Approval is requested to use the following props that are currently located in the Phoenix Field Division:

1) Defense Technologies (Def-Tec), 40 mm Grenade Launcher, }	
2) Defense Technologies (Def-Tec), 40 mm Grenade Launcher, ATF	
3) Defense Technologies (Def-Tec), 40 mm Grenade Launcher,	
4) Colt, Model – 38 Super, .38 caliber handgun, ATF	
5) Browning, Model – M1919A4, .30 caliber Machinegun, S/N: none – affixed with tag "A. Cox".	
6) Browning, Model – M1919A4, .30 caliber Machinegun, S/N: ATF	
7) Barrett, Model – 82A1, .50 caliber Machinegun, ATF	
8) Barrett, Model – 82A1, .50 caliber Machinegun,	
9) FN, Model – 1956, 7.62 mm Machinegun, 10) FN, Model – 1956, 7.62 mm Machinegun, ATF	
10) FN, Model – 1956, 7.62 mm Machinegun,	
11) Ramo, Model – M2, .50 caliber Machinegun, § ATF	
12) Unknown Manufacturer, Imported by E.R. Maples, Nashville, TN, Model – M2, .50 caliber	
Machinegun, ATF	
13) Bushmaster, Model – XM15-E2S, .223 caliber rifle, S/N; ATF	
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Approval is also requested to obtain and use the following props from ATF Explosives Technology	
Branch (ETB):	
14) One case (10-20) of inert 40mm Grenades capable/compatible with being fired from a Def-	
Tech 40 mm grenade launcher.	
15) One (1), inert "Gold tipped" anti-tank incendiary round for a recoilless rifle (dragonfire.)	

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If further information is required, please contact either RAC

ATF

From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2010 5:58 PM
To: ATF
Subject: Prop Memo
Attachments: prop memo 9-1-2010.docx
If this is ok, just let me know if you want to print to color printer or have me do it?
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MEMORANDUM TO:

Chief - ATF

Explosives and Technology Branch (ETB)

THRU:

Special Agent in Charge

Phoenix Field Division

FROM:

Resident Agent in Charge

Phoenix Group VII Field Office

SUBJECT:

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The requested props will be used for an ATF reverse sting operation. The subject(s) will not be permitted to leave with the props. The props will be recovered upon the arrest of the subject(s). Assistant United States Attorney Emory Hurley has been contacted to discuss the case and the use of props.

This request is to obtain and use the following props from ATF Explosives Technology Branch (ETB):

	One AT-4 missile launcher. One LAW missile launcher.	
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4)	Tech 40 mm grenade launcher. One Colt M16/M203 (ATF	
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ATF

ATF From: Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2010 6:20 PM To: Schultejann, Catherine Y. Subject: RE: I'm here Attachments: prop memo 9-1-2010.docx I emailed this earlier to ATF but haven't heard back. Can u (review and then) print to color printer and submit for his approval/signature? Thanks John W. Dodson / Special Agent / ATF - Phoenix Group VII - Strike Force 3010 N 2nd ST, Suite #100 Phoenix, AZ 85012 / Fax: (602) 605-6500 / C: "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers; For he to-day that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother; be he ne'er so vile, this day shall gentle his condition; and gentlemen in England now-a-bed shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here, and hold their manhoods cheap whiles any speaks that fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day." -- William Shakespeare, Henry VFrom: Schultejann, Catherine Y. Sent: Wednesday, September 01, 2010 3:17 PM

To: ATF
Subject: I'm here

From: ATF
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 3:50 PM
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Subject: Vers - 3.0
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PROPOSED UNDERCOVER

FIREARMS TRAFFICKING OPERATION

Regarding and in relation to: 785115-10-0020

SYNOPSIS OF INVESTIGATION:

ATF Phoenix Group VII – Phoenix Strike Force has begun an investigation into the
firearms trafficking activities of To date, this investigation, aided by a
reliable confidential source (hereinafter CS), has determined that at least 8 firearms (with many
more suspected "straw" purchasers providing a large amount of additional firearms) have been
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expressed his desire to purchase suppressors (in 9mm, .45, .223, 7.62), 40mm grenade launchers,
and 40mm High Explosive (HE or other anti-personnel type) in whatever quantities that S/A
ATF was able to obtain.

Minimal criminal history which includes: alcohol, minor traffic violations, and failing to appear in court.

INVESTIGATION OBJECTIVES:

- To utilize the inherent advantages of having an undercover ATF Agent directly involved in the experiment (et al) Firearms Trafficking Organization (FTO).
- To infiltrate a working FTO, without the potential hurdles often presented with untrained informants and collaborators.
- To learn and document first hand intelligence and the criminal activity of an FTO.
- To utilize this potentially voluminous amount of information/intelligence that could be obtained, too not only dismantle the combat other FTO's and firearms trafficking to Mexico in general, along the entire Southwest Border Region.

- To continue ATF's legacy of being the Nation's answer (the "go-to" guys) for combating the most violent, well-armed criminal organizations that have, do, and may someday threaten the security of the United States.
- To continue ATF's strong history of forward thinking to develop new strategies, new dogma, and apply them to the numerous "outside the box" solutions that have made us so successful in our OMO, Criminal Militia, Extremist/Hate/Radical Groups, and Counter-Terrorism Investigations.
- To fulfill ATF's Mission Statement and further our efforts to "protect(s) our communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, the illegal use and trafficking of firearms".
- To adhere to and meet the goals and expectations of the Phoenix Group VII Strike Force; specifically charged with being the President's, DOJ's and ATF's first and foremost answer to "Southwest Border "Gunrunner" investigations, which are those that involve trafficking of firearms to Mexico in an effort to stem the growing violence and associated criminal activity perpetrated by the Mexican drug cartels, along the Southwest Border. Group VII will be co-located at the OCDETF Strike Force which will combine investigative intelligence and the sharing of information in order to develop priority targets and utilize proactive long-term, extensive investigative techniques to identify all the tentacles of a particular organization."

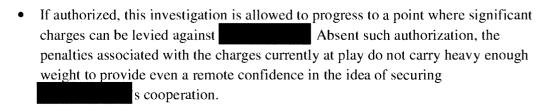
SPECIFIC REQUEST:

To allow this investigation to proceed by authorizing Phoenix Group VII – Strike Force and (in this specific instance) S/A ATF to "straw" purchase firearms on behalf of, and deliver them to, This request is for merely, what would be a satisfactory amount to allow S/A ATF to win the favor of and secure a higher position within the FTO. This request is not in violation of any ATF Policy/Directive and adherence to any and all relevant ATF Policy/Directive [specifically ATF 3310.4(b) 148(a)(2)] will be maintained at all times. This request is predicated on ATF's previous authorization of allowing firearms to be trafficked ("walked") infurtherence of investigations which target FTO's as opposed to individuals. Furthermore, in falls squarely in the realm of acceptance afforded those investigations involving the infiltration of an OMO, Criminal Militia or Extremist/Hate/Radical Groups by an ATF undercover Agent. Lastly, the spirit of this request is to further represent ATF's position at the pinnacle of Federal Law Enforcement by again accepting the difficult missions and not shying away from the manner and means necessary to meet them.

REASON FOR REQUEST:

• To cease, hinder, slow and obstruct the firearms - FTO from trafficking firearms into Mexico. The logic employed is that by authorizing the "walking" of a small amount of firearms that, ultimately we can cease the trafficking of a significant number. (i.e. walking 4 to 6 – prevent hundreds from being trafficked.)

•	In order to reach a viable point in the investigation where NFA firearms can be
	introduced, ATF needs to make deliver on some of the requested AK
	pistols. By doing so, S/A Dodson establishes the credibility and trust needed to
	operate with and in the FTO.



IN CLOSING:

It is believed that if this request be authorized, the benefits would far outweigh any that could be derived from the arrest of individuals on such minor violations as 922(a)(6) and potentially provide invaluable, otherwise unattainable, information into the workings of an active/ongoing FTO. The dismantlement of entire FTO's is at the core of our duly charged mission and Phoenix – Group VII / Strike Force stands ready to meet it.



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MEMORANDUM TO:

Special Agent in Charge

Phoenix Field Division

THRU:

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

Phoenix Field Division

Group Supervisor Phoenix Group IV

FROM:

Special Agent ATF

Phoenix Group IV

SUBJECT:

As ordered by ASAC George Gillett.

In compliance with the verbal order issued by ASAC George Gillett on Friday, January 28th, 2011, this memorandum is submitted. As ordered, it contains a detailed account (to the best of my recollection) of the two separate meetings between me, ASAC Gillett and Group IV Supervisor ATF that occurred on the afternoon of January 28th, 2011.

I arrived for the meeting on time and ASAC Gillett asked me to explain my notification email from that morning which advised that I had had recent contact with the United States Senate's – Committee on the Judiciary. I advised that Wednesday afternoon (January 26th, 2011) I received a telephone call from representatives of the U.S. Senate's – Committee on the Judiciary, that I had taken measures to confirm who they were and with what office they worked, that they asked me about "Project Gunrunner" and that I explained that it was a National program and not specific to one case, that I informed them that I wanted our communication to be above board even though they offered to keep it confidential, that I told them I would like to obtain counsel and be represented before things progressed, that I had first called an attorney friend of mine back in DC and then spoke with Larry Berger of FLEOA on Thursday (January 27th, 2011), briefly at first and then again sometime after 5 p.m. that afternoon, that Mr. Berger had instructed me to notify my ATF chain of command and that we intended to cooperate with the committee, that rather than send the (what I knew to be alarming) email out after 5:30 p.m. that evening I elected to send it first thing the following morning (Friday, January 28th, 2011), thus we were where we were. ASAC Gillett asked me who had initiated contact and I stated that they had called me. ASAC Gillett asked which phone they called me on and I informed them it had been my cell phone. I was then

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asked to clarify which cell phone and I stated that I didn't recall and it could have been either my work or my personal one. ASAC Gillett and Ms. [ATF] then asked why me and how did they get my number; I told them that I didn't know and could only speculate. I was then asked what would happen next and I advised that I didn't know, that I needed to consult with Mr. Berger and could only assume that he would be getting in touch with the Committee staffers at some point soon. Lastly, I advised that I would keep them (ATF) informed of developments. ASAC Gillett instructed me to write a memo, routed through ATF and him, addressed to the SAC and describing these events in detail. I then left ASAC Gillett's office and ATF stayed behind.
After returning to my office and a short time had elapsed, I telephoned MTF and requested another meeting with MTF and ASAC Gillett, since apparently he wanted me to describe the events in detail. Ms. MTF checked with ASAC Gillett and agreed to the meeting. I returned to the Division office (approximately 1.5 or 2 hours after the conclusion of the first meeting). I met MTF on the 6th floor and we again went to ASAC Gillett's office on the 9th. I asked to close the door and did so. I told them that I had hoped to speak with Mr. Berger prior to our first meeting but had not and still had not been unable to do so. In terms of additional detail, I told them that there had been a conversation prior to Wednesday's with the Committee staffers, that I had indeed confirmed who they were and with what office they worked, that they had asked me about project gunrunner and other matters. That I had answered these "other matters" questions. I informed the staffers that some specifics may be 6e and that I would have to avoid those until consultation with an attorney. That they asked me about BPA Terry's murder and the facts and circumstances surrounding the weapons recovered from the scene (as they were known to me), what I knew of ATF and the seemingly, never ending Fast and Furious investigation. Furthermore, I offered speculation as to why they had contacted me — I said that I had no way of knowing but they could have easily been told to do so by anyone of at least 50 ATF agents, DEA agents and/or GRIT Teams members who watched ATF Phoenix treat me, and others just like me who voiced their concerns, substandardly for months on end. Or perhaps, anyone of the room full of people who heard me question if somebody had to get killed before we were going to stop allowing guns to walk could have told them to call me. I ended with how it felt good to finally tell someone who seemed to care. That is when ASAC Gillett ordered, and then repeatedly "Direct Ordered" me to write a memo describing these events in detail. ASAC Gillett en
If further information is required, please contact me, Special Agent ATF at (540) 537-0978.
ATF