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From: ATF
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 7:40 PM
To: ATF
Subject: RE: 785115-10-0020 [REDACTED]

GRIT agent [REDACTED] ATF been appointed to assist you with this case. Please get him up to speed. Also there is a Memo to ETB [REDACTED] ATF returned them after the previous use here in the Phoenix Field Division.

From: ATF
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2010 2:13 PM
To: ATF
Subject: RE: 785115-10-0020 [REDACTED]

ATF

I too believe this to be a great case with a tremendous amount of potential. Although we have discussed much of this, I wanted to take the time to ensure that it was all addressed.

I apologize for the NFORCE issues. Unfortunately, I allowed the quick pace at which the investigation took off, compiled with the hurdles of often having GRIT members utilizing my station, to leave me playing catch-up. Again, my apologies and trust that I will do all that I can to prevent it from happening again. In such an attempt, now that direct contact has

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Furthermore [REDACTED]

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“an AUSA won't be able to approve of letting firearms "walk" in furtherance of your investigation without first briefing the US Attorney and Criminal Chief.”

I appreciate your help and guidance on this,

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From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2010 3:47 PM
To: ATF
Subject: 785115-10-0020 [REDACTED]

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HOCR ATF - 001674

DOJ-FF-44774

First let me say that this is great case and worthy of your investigative efforts. However, at your earliest convenience we need to speak regarding this case. In reviewing the case in N-Force there are several concerns I have. Additionally, I note that there are several well written reports that have not been generated. Please generate, print, sign, and turn into me these reports ASAP. Also I note there is a audio recording that was made, yet under "Property in ATF Custody" there is nothing listed. Which brings up the "Electronic Surveillance" issue. Please see the below cut-n-pasted order regarding approval/notification and entry of Electronic Surveillance.

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE. The Electronic Surveillance folder keeps a record of each subject monitored during an ATF investigation. This critical information is used not only for investigative purposes, but also so that ATF can respond to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests as required by law. Multiple surveillance subjects can be entered into one Electronic Surveillance Event using the relationship tab feature. Identify the primary subject of the intercept and then choose additional subjects from the Persons folder to relate to the event as a person under surveillance.

- a. The ATF approval authority for consensual monitoring is delegated to the respective RAC/GS. The approval may be made verbally and remains in effect for the life of the investigation. RAC/GS approval of electronic surveillance must be noted in the Management Log and should be entered by the supervisor.
- b. Notification of consensual monitoring should be made to the United States (U.S.) Attorney's Office for the Federal judicial district having jurisdiction over the investigation prior to monitoring any subject. The notification may be made verbally and remains in effect for the life of the investigation.
- c. Non-consensual monitoring shall be handled in accordance with ATF orders and Federal laws governing such conduct. Non-consensual monitoring is also required to be reported in the Electronic Surveillance folder.
- d. The RAC/GS shall ensure that all electronic interceptions are entered into N-Force within 5 business days. An ROI is also required to document the event in which the electronic monitoring occurred. All tapes, disks, or other media used to monitor the surveillance shall be entered as Electronic Intercept property into the Property in ATF Custody folder.

I appreciate your efforts on this case but we need to comply with the ATF Orders and Regulations as well. ATF Orders; 3530.2 Electronic Surveillance, 3400.1B Property Taken into Bureau Custody, 3111.1 Use of N-Force, and 3270.10C Law Enforcement Investigative Reports.

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HOCR ATF - 001675

DOJ-FF-44775

From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 6:27 PM
To: Phoe-Group VII
Subject: FW: Project Gunrunner - A Cartel Focused Strategy (3317)
Attachments: Cartel Strategy NFORCE screens 091610.pptx; Cartel Strategy 9-7-10.docx; Cartel Strategy ADFO Memo 090810 scan.pdf

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From: ATF
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2010 3:25 PM
To: ATF
Subject: Fw: Project Gunrunner - A Cartel Focused Strategy (3317)

Please forward this to the Group. We will discuss this more next week.

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From: Gillett, George T., Jr.
To: ATF
Cc:
Sent: Wed Sep 22 17:41:58 2010
Subject: FW: Project Gunrunner - A Cartel Focused Strategy (3317)
Supervisors –

Attached is a memorandum from the Assistant Director (Field Operations) discussing and transmitting a document entitled *Project Gunrunner – A Cartel Focused Strategy*. The memorandum and the strategy document outline our increased national emphasis on firearms trafficking enforcement related to the Southwest border, as well as the importance of identifying and prioritizing those investigations in which a nexus to Mexican drug trafficking organizations and cartels may be established.

The Phoenix Field Division has been leading the agency with this initiative; however, Project Gunrunner has evolved into a national strategy as we have seen cartels reach further into the interior of the U.S. to acquire firearms in support of their lucrative drug trafficking operations. This document recognizes that Project Gunrunner is both an ATF strategy and a component of a larger U.S. Government counternarcotics strategy. Our success is contingent upon the effective use of our regulatory, investigative, technical, intelligence, training, liaison, and public/industry outreach capabilities. The success of Gunrunner is also dependent on our ability to secure prosecutions appropriate to the criminal conduct. It is imperative that comprehensive, complex criminal investigations that link firearms traffickers to violent drug trafficking organizations and operations be conducted in order to leverage the prosecutorial advantages afforded by a wider array of criminal and civil statutes.

Vital to our ability to track and report our efforts is the timely and accurate reporting of information in our case management system (e.g., N-Force and N-Spect). The Cartel Strategy document and the attachments to this memorandum provide detailed guidance for agents and industry operations investigators on coding investigative activity in N-Force and N-Spect. Recent enhancements to N-Force allow us to document investigations involving specific Mexican cartels in the same manner as U.S. street gangs and outlaw motorcycle organizations. All special agents should be familiar with these procedures.

HOCR ATF - 001676

DOJ-FF-44776

If you have questions, please contact me. If not, please insure that your personnel are familiar with these documents and this program is implemented in its entirety.

Regards,

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

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DOJ-FF-44777



PROJECT GUNRUNNER
A Cartel Focused Strategy
September 2010



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DOJ-FF-44778

From: ATF
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 2:22 PM
To: ATF
Subject: RE: Earlier Question.

Time to break new ground I guess? Or get it broken off in me!

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From: ATF
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 11:21 AM
To: ATF
Subject: RE: Earlier Question.

Ouch. Good luck. Let me know if I can help.

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From: ATF
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 2:19 PM
To: Vann, James P.
Subject: Earlier Question.

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Haven't forgotten to get back with you, have just been waiting for the debate to end. As it stands – my u/c plan is a Go. Well kind of; the answer is quit muddy actually. Officially I've been told that I can - but I can't. The order that allows letting guns to walk in order to further trafficking investigations, makes no such prohibitions against my u/c plan; however, it grants no such authorization either. It simple is mute on the idea.

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 2:39 PM
To: ATF
Subject: Re: U.S. Border Patrol Agent killed in the line of duty

Reach out to Mike Nallin.
George T. Gillett
ASAC - Phoenix Field Division
Cell: [REDACTED]

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From: ATF
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.
Sent: Wed Dec 15 14:38:32 2010
Subject: Re: U.S. Border Patrol Agent killed in the line of duty

George,

I'm here in Tucson today if anyone needs any help?

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.
To: All Phoenix Exchange
Sent: Wed Dec 15 13:23:58 2010
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 [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.

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HOGR ATF - 001680

DOJ-FF-44780

From: ATF
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2010 11:02 PM
To: Phoe-Group VII
Subject: Lots of good work

To all,

I read a lot of good reports tonight on individuals who purchased firearms that have been recovered in Mexico. I must insist that we not forget to run those numbers through DEA! You never know when/where one of these numbers is going to pop up and then our straw purchasers are suddenly related to a Cartel or DTO which is exactly where we what to be.

Good job by all, keep it up, thanks!

ATF

Group Supervisor
Phoenix Group VII
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From: ATF

Sent: Monday, January 25, 2010 4:39 PM

To: ATF

CC: ATF

Subject: Grenades/Firearms ops

All,

Just so we are all on the same sheet:

We will not work any operations in Mexico without an operation plan approved by me.

MCO will not participate in knowingly bringing ATF

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In addition, any of these items "if approved" will not be allowed to go any further than directly into Mexico and stopped on the Mexican side of the border. This will take much coordination.

Any questions please call. Please email me back confirming receipt of this email.

Thanks, ATF

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ATF Attache-Mexico

(Office)

(Blackberry)

A good president, wrote 19th century historian Henry Adams, "resembles the commander of a ship at sea. He must have a helm to grasp, a course to steer, a port to seek."