

From: Melson, Kenneth E.  
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 7:18:48 PM  
To: Chait, Mark R.; Hoover, William J.  
Subject: Re: SIR

This is great! When will we be taking Fast and Furious down? An awful lot of guns seem to be flowing south. Ken

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

From: Chait, Mark R.  
To: Melson, Kenneth E.  
Cc: Hoover, William J.  
Sent: Wed Jul 14 16:14:55 2010  
Subject: Fw: SIR

This was the second case Grit took off last night.  
Mark R. Chait  
Assistant Director  
Field Operations

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

From: Significant Activity Report  
To: SAR/SIR Message Delivery  
Sent: Wed Jul 14 14:16:48 2010  
Subject: FW: SIR

From: **ATF**  
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 2:16:45 PM  
To: Needles, James R.; Newell, William D.; **ATF**  
Subject: Significant Activity Report  
Subject: SIR  
Auto forwarded by a Rule

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES  
SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION REPORT

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DATE: July 14, 2010  
FROM: Phoenix Field Division  
FIELD OFFICE: Phoenix VII Field Office

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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2011 8:16 PM  
**To:** Needles, James R.; Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Subject:** Fw: Follow Up From Conference Call

This is what Dewey's e-mail to his people referred to. This is now DOJ policy.

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**From:** Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Cc:** Cunningham, Patrick (USAAZ)  
**Sent:** Thu Mar 10 07:26:05 2011  
**Subject:** Fw: Follow Up From Conference Call  
Did this come to you through your Headquarters?

I was not on the call.

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**From:** Cole, James (SMO)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 09, 2011 08:21 PM  
**To:** Moreno, Angel (USATXS); Murphy, John E. (USATXW); Burke, Dennis (USAAZ); Gonzales, Kenneth (USANM); Duffy, Laura (USACAS)  
**Subject:** Follow Up From Conference Call

Dear USAs:

Thank you for your time this evening, I wanted to send this just to summarize our telephone conversation and inform those of you who were unable to participate.

First, thank you for the work you do to fight gun trafficking. It is very important.

As I said on the call, to avoid any potential confusion, I want to reiterate the Department's policy: We should not design or conduct undercover operations which include guns crossing the border. If we have knowledge that guns are about to cross the border, we must take immediate action to stop the firearms from

crossing the border, even if that prematurely terminates or otherwise jeopardizes an investigation.

We know you have difficult jobs to do and we fully support and appreciate your efforts to stop the flow of firearms through the apprehension and prosecution of all responsible parties.

As I said on our call, please make sure the SACs in your districts understand the policy.

Jim

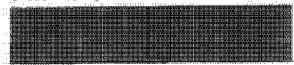
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**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2011 6:58 PM  
**To:** ATF  
**Subject:** Directive from DAG Related to DOJ Policy on Firearms Investigations

I understand none of you are currently working in an enforcement group. I only want you to be aware of the directive below that relates to firearm investigations with a nexus to Mexico.

Thank you.

Special Agent: ATF  
Division Operations Officer  
U.S. Department of Justice - ATF  
201 E. Washington Street - Suite 940  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2428



**From:** Clemens, Shelley (USAAZ) [mailto: ]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 10, 2011 7:42 AM  
**To:** Crocker, Richard L; Bartlett, S. Annette (FBI); Nallin, Michael T.  
**Subject:** Firearms cases

Yesterday, we received a directive from the DAG, instructing on DOJ's policy regarding guns going south into Mexico. "We should not design or conduct undercover operations which include guns crossing the border. If we have knowledge that guns are about to cross the border, we must take immediate action to stop the firearms from crossing the border, even if that prematurely terminates or otherwise jeopardizes an investigation." This would include cases where we are working with the Mexican government to have them follow the vehicles once they are in Mexico in order to find the purchaser. If a vehicle is lost in surveillance, take all steps to notify the ports to be on the look out to stop the vehicle/person at the POE.

Please distribute this to your agents to ensure they are clear on this policy.

If you have any questions about this policy, please call me.

Thanks

Shelley Clemens



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# Alleged Gun Ring Busted

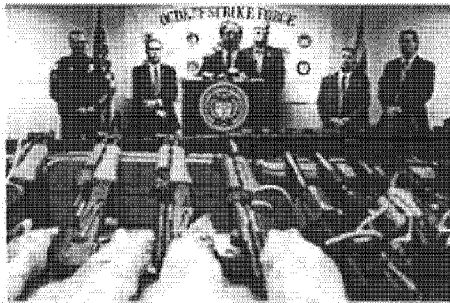
*Authorities Say Smugglers Planned to Ship 700 Weapons to Mexican Cartels*

By TAMARA AUDI

PHOENIX—Federal officials said Tuesday they busted a network of gun buyers and smugglers planning to ship 700 guns to Mexican drug cartels embroiled in deadly turf wars.

Law-enforcement officials arrested 17 people named in a 53-count indictment unsealed Tuesday. Police were still searching for three other people named in the indictment.

"The drug cartels go shopping for their war weapons in Arizona," said Dennis Burke, U.S. attorney for the District of Arizona. "One of Arizona's top exports is weapons for drug cartels."



Reuters

Dennis Burke, U.S. attorney for the District of Arizona, detailed the bust at a Phoenix news conference where some of the weapons were displayed.

The arrests come on the heels of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's visit Monday to Mexico City for talks with Mexican President Felipe Calderón that addressed the battle against drug violence in Mexico.

The war among drug cartels fighting to control territory and supply routes has fueled violence in Mexico that has killed more than 34,000 people in the country since 2006.

Of the 73,000 illegal firearms seized in Mexico since December 2006, officials estimate that 90% originated in the U.S.

Officials in Arizona, Texas and California have targeted gun-smuggling rings in the past four years by going after "straw purchasers," who buy guns legally in the U.S., then hand them

over to an intermediary who transports the weapons across the border to Mexican drug cartels.

That process is meant in part to shield the true buyer of the weapons from law enforcement. The straw purchasers are sometimes single mothers and unemployed Americans offered a few hundred dollars to buy a weapon and hand it over, federal authorities said.

"This is a huge problem in our state," said Mr. Burke.

Authorities in Phoenix have busted gun-smuggling rings in the past—most notably last year when they seized 1,300 weapons from Arizona and New Mexico they believed were bound for Mexico.

Tuesday's bust was a more complex case designed to snag both straw purchasers and organizers of the scheme, law-enforcement officials said. And it represents the state's most significant case against gun smuggling so far, Mr. Burke said.

The arrests represent "a complete dismantling, from top to bottom, of a Phoenix-based organization that we believe supplies guns to drug cartels in Mexico," said Bill Newell, special agent in charge of the Phoenix division of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives.

Law-enforcement officials say the gun supply to Mexico is difficult to track in part because there are no federal limits on the number of long guns, or rifles, that an individual can legally buy. In addition, licensed gun dealers aren't required to alert federal authorities of multiple rifle purchases as they are with handguns.

More than 500 weapons were seized by authorities, both in the U.S. and Mexico. It's unclear what, if any, impact this will have on the flow of guns over the border. Mr. Newell acknowledged that Tuesday's bust could be just a drop in the bucket, but added, "We have to keep trying."

Among the alleged straw purchases detailed in the indictment: One man allegedly bought two AK-47 rifles from a Glendale, Ariz., gun dealer on Nov. 3. A week later, he allegedly purchased 10 AK-47s from the same dealer. Two days later, he allegedly bought five more of the same weapon; a month later he allegedly purchased 20 more.

**Write to** Tamara Audi at [tammy.audi@wsj.com](mailto:tammy.audi@wsj.com)

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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Friday, April 09, 2010 1:28 PM  
**To:** McMahon, William G.  
**Subject:** FW: Ref F/A's from [redacted] **ATF**

**ATF**

Bill Newell  
Special Agent in Charge  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)  
Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)  
Office - (602)776-5400

**From:** [redacted] **ATF**  
**Sent:** Friday, April 09, 2010 12:54 PM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.; Newell, William D.; [redacted] **ATF**  
**Cc:** Needles, James R.; [redacted] **ATF**  
**Subject:** FW: Ref F/A's from [redacted] **ATF**

Good work done by all (El Paso & Phoenix) to get these results fast and accurate. Thanks.

**From:** [redacted] **ATF**  
**Sent:** Friday, April 09, 2010 12:34 PM  
**To:** [redacted] **ATF**  
**Cc:** [redacted] **ATF**  
**Subject:** Ref F/A's from 04-07-10 El Paso Seizure

**ATF**

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**ATF**

\*NO FIREARMS RECOVERED. CARDBOARD BOXES ONLY RECOVERED FOR THE BELOW SERIAL NUMBERS

**ATF**

I think I covered all the info. needed by everyone but if not just let me know.

Thank you,

**ATF**

Special Agent **ATF**  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Phoenix - Group VII

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Here is the breakdown on the [redacted] **ATF** All of them were  
purchased by known straw purchasers [redacted] **ATF**  
[redacted] **ATF**

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Phoenix - Group VII

602 605 - **ATF**  
602 605 - **ATF** [@atf.gov](mailto:ATF@atf.gov)

From: ATF  
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 6:49 PM  
To: ATF  
Subject: no more rose colored glasses

If you have not heard a Border Patrol agent was shoot and killed here in Arizona. The trace came back to Fast and Furious, ATF

Ugh...! Call as soon as you can, things will most likely get ugly!

ATF  
Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII  
[REDACTED]

HQGR ATF - 002346

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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2010 11:56 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] ATF; Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Subject:** RE: FYI photo from this weekend...

Mr. Gillett sent it to me yesterday but thank you. Also, I talked to the USA this morning about this case and advised him of the [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED]. He was taken aback by some of the facts I informed him about [REDACTED] ATF [REDACTED] so I am setting up a briefing for him (alone no USAO "posse") about this case and several other cases I feel his is being misled about. Should be within the next couple of weeks so be prepared. Thanks.

Bill Newell  
Special Agent in Charge  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)  
Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)  
Office - [REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] ATF  
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2010 9:53 AM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.; Newell, William D.  
**Subject:** FYI photo from this weekend...

[REDACTED] ATF  
Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII  
[REDACTED]

HGR ATF - 001339

DOJ-FF-52516

From: ATF  
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 5:20 PM  
To: ATF  
Cc: ATF  
Subject: RE:

I am not sure if you are referring to firearms from the US in general or firearms related to our case. We were not aware of any firearms related to our case being used in any homicides. If this has occurred, would you please forward or send the reports because this is information that we do not have.

Thank you,

ATF

From: ATF  
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 5:14 PM  
To: ATF  
Subject: Re:

When r u guys taking that case down? Some of those guns have been used in homicides here.

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From: ATF  
To: ATF  
Cc: ATF  
Sent: Wed Jul 28 20:11:12 2010  
Subject: RE:  
ATF

I spoke with ATF She does not want any information released [REDACTED]  
Thank you for the offer though.

Thanks,

ATF

From: ATF  
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 3:29 PM  
To: ATF  
Subject: RE:

I will keep trying, the only way they might bring that gun here is if I tell them a little about the case

From: ATF  
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 5:21 PM  
To: ATF

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ATF

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HOGRAF - 001261

**Subject:** RE:

Ha ha...I don't know about that. I got a lot of time left before that ever happens. I am still anticipating celebrating the completion of the required 3 yr probation period on August 19<sup>th</sup>. ☺ Thank you for checking though. I appreciate it.

**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 28, 2010 3:08 PM  
**To:** ATF  
**Subject:** RE:

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picture is all we can do

**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 28, 2010 5:03 PM  
**To:** ATF  
**Cc:** ATF  
**Subject:** RE:

Okay. This one would be a good f/a recovery to be able to present at trial. Any possibility that they will retain it until we are able to examine it or move it to a safer location for examination?

Thanks,

ATF

**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 28, 2010 2:51 PM  
**To:** ATF  
**Cc:** ATF  
**Subject:**

ATF

The 50. Cal that was recovered is in an area of Mexico that's unsafe for USG travel. In other words it's too dangerous for us to go there and look at it. The military is sending us pictures.

ATF  
Assistant Country Attache, Mexico City  
Office [REDACTED]  
Mexico cell [REDACTED]  
Nextel Direct [REDACTED]

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HOGRAF - 001262

From: [ATF]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 5:20 PM  
To: [ATF]  
Cc: [ATF]  
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[ATF]

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Cc: [ATF]  
Sent: Wed Jul 28 20:11:12 2010  
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Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2010 5:21 PM  
To: [ATF]

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HOGRAF - 001261

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Assistant Country Attache, Mexico City  
Office [REDACTED]  
Mexico cell [REDACTED]  
Nextel Direct [REDACTED]

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HOGRAF - 001262



[REDACTED]

From: Newell, William D.  
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2009 11:45 AM  
To: Gillett, George T. Jr.  
Cc: ATF  
Subject: Re:

Well done, thank you. I will address ATF concerns with McMahon.  
Bill Newell  
Special Agent in Charge  
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)  
Cell: 602-859-ATF

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From: Gillett, George T. Jr.  
To: Newell, William D.  
Cc: ATF  
Sent: Thu Dec 17 13:27:49 2009  
Subject:  
Bill-

**ATF**

From: [redacted] ATF  
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 3:16 PM  
To: [redacted] ATF  
Subject: RE: Phoenix Group VII biweekly update 12-18-09

[redacted] ATF

Thank you for getting back to me so quickly.

[redacted] ATF reading your description correctly?

Please let me know. Thanks.

785115-10-0004, [redacted] ATF This case is a large scale conspiracy of over [redacted] ATF

**ATF**

[redacted] ATF Intelligence Officer  
Phoenix FIG  
U.S. Department of Justice - ATF  
201 E. Washington Street - Suite 940  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2428

From: [redacted] ATF  
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 11:21 AM  
To: [redacted] ATF Gillett, George T. Jr.  
Subject: Phoenix Group VII biweekly update 12-18-09

From:  
Sent:  
To:

ATF  
Tuesday, April 13, 2010 12:12 PM

ATF

Cc:  
Subject:

Phoe-Group VII; Gillett, George T. Jr.  
Delayed yet again

To all;

In case anyone is curious the case is still moving forward;

ATF

ATF

Sincerely,

ATF

Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII

From:  
Sent:  
To:  
Cc:

ATF  
Tuesday, June 15, 2010 1:35 PM

ATF

Gillett, George T. Jr.

**ATF** Could you please provide me the information on the recovered firearms reported below. Please provide firearms data and information to include the date, time and location of recoveries. We have a good handle on the US recoveries (just off by a few) but we need more info on the Mexican recoveries. We will be utilizing this information to update our seizure events in Mexico.

785115-10-0004      Operation Fast and Furious

ATF agents are aware of or have caused 309 of these firearms to be recovered. To date,

ATF

**ATF**

*THANKS SO MUCH*

**ATF**

*TEAM LEADER*

Field Intelligence Support Team - Southwest Border  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives  
Intelligence Operations Specialist

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**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Friday, December 04, 2009 10:46 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED] ATF  
**Cc:** Newell, William D.; [REDACTED] ATF  
**Subject:** SA [REDACTED] ATF

**Categories:** F&F

Hello [REDACTED] ATF

[REDACTED] ATF is scheduled to attend medic tactical re-cert next week in El Paso, TX.

She is the case agent on a southbound firearms trafficking investigation that is being closely monitored by DAD McMahon (FO) and DAD Martin (OSII). We are anticipating significant investigative movement in the next 5-10 days and need [REDACTED] ATF to be in Phoenix to coordinate the investigation.

Could she please be excused from re-cert and rescheduled to the March training to satisfy the re-cert requirement?

Thank you, and please contact me if you have any questions.

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>	TOTALS	<i>Firearms recovered in U.S. after target was identified (entered) in investigation</i>
<b>ATF</b>					<b>ATF</b>

**From:** Smith, Charles E.  
**Sent:** Friday, December 17, 2010 7:01 PM  
**To:** Needles, James R.  
**Subject:** FW:

FYI

Charlie Smith  
ASAC  
Dallas Field Division

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**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Friday, December 17, 2010 2:14 PM  
**To:** Smith, Charles E.  
**Cc:** ATF  
**Subject:**

Charlie,

I advised AUSA Russ Leachman through SAs [ATF] to provide me with a Grand Jury Subpoena for RAC [ATF] in Phoenix to obtain the required evidence needed in our investigation here. AUSA Leachman has now advised the AUSA in Phoenix that the ATF agents here need access to the case in Phoenix since the ATF Phoenix office refuses to provide us with the evidence.

I wish that Leachman would have given those subpoenas to me but if the AUSA in Phoenix refuses to comply then maybe Phoenix should start preparing their explanations for the way that they conducted their straw purchase cases there. They should probably hire a media expert anyway to assist them in explaining the 2000 firearms and the possible connection in the murder of the Border Patrol Agent.

Thanks,

[ATF]

HOCR ATF - 001941

DOJ-FF-52527

**From:** McMahon, William G.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 21, 2010 11:21 AM  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Subject:** RE: simple numbers on F&F recoveries

10-4 thanks.

William G. McMahon  
Deputy Assistant Director (West)  
Office of Field Operations  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 21, 2010 11:21 AM  
**To:** McMahon, William G.  
**Subject:** Fw: simple numbers on F&F recoveries

For what it's worth and since I don't like the perception that we allowed guns to "walk", I had [ATF] pull the numbers of the guns recovered in Mexico as well as those we had a direct role in taking off here in the US. Almost all of the 350 seized in the US were done based on our info and in such a way to not burn the wire or compromise the bigger case. The guns purchased early on in the case we couldn't have stopped mainly because we weren't fully aware of all the players at that time and people buying multiple firearms in Arizona is a very common thing.

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**From:** [ATF]  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Thu Dec 16 19:22:42 2010  
**Subject:** simple numbers on F&F recoveries  
Sir,

I can make this more grand tomorrow if you wish but right now by my count;

- Firearms recovered in Mexico = 241
- Firearms recovered in the USA = 350

Thanks,

[ATF]  
Group Supervisor  
Phoenix Group VII  
[REDACTED]

HOGR ATF - 001935

DOJ-FF-52528



[REDACTED]

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**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 05, 2010 12:36 PM  
**To:** ATF  
**Subject:** FW: Document1  
**Attachments:** briefing paper II (3).docx; Doc1.docx

Can you put it in a BP format for me?

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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 05, 2010 12:11 PM  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Subject:** Re: Document1

Have him put into a BP format, will most likely go to DAG.  
Bill Newell  
Special Agent in Charge  
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)  
Cell: 602-859-[ATF]

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**From:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Tue Oct 05 14:50:12 2010  
**Subject:** Fw: Document1

I have not reviewed but don't want to stand in the way of progress.

George T. Gillett  
ASAC, Phoenix Field Division  
Cell: (602) 653-[ATF]

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**From:** ATF  
**To:** Gillett, George T. Jr.  
**Sent:** Tue Oct 05 14:46:43 2010  
**Subject:** Document1  
Here it is...

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Investigative Techniques Used to Date

11. To date in this investigation we have utilized numerous proactive, advanced investigative techniques:

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Phoenix Field Division  
Phoenix Group VII (Gunrunner/Strike Force)  
785115-10-0004  
January 8, 2010

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Investigative Techniques a/o Efforts Used to Date

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Investigative Strategy

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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2010 6:03 PM  
**To:** ATF  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Attachments:** ATF

This relates to the big shootout two weeks ago in Sonora. Two rival DTOs went at it, Sinaloa and Juarez I believe. Maybe ATF has more details. I told ATF we were within 45-60 days of taking this down IF the USAO goes with our 846/924(c) conspiracy plan. Feel free to let ATF know more details.

Bill Newell  
Special Agent in Charge  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)  
Phoenix Field Division (Arizona and New Mexico)  
RC-1

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**From:** ATF  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2010 2:50 PM  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Subject:** FW:

Bill at least one gun recovered in this shootout comes back to ATF case. What's the status. I anticipate questions from the GOM and Ambo. I can blow off the GOM, not so much with the Ambo.

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**From:** RC-1  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 14, 2010 12:10 PM  
**To:** ATF  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:**

Pictures on the shooting. The weapons are the ones I requested for trace on the previous e-mail.

Thanks

RC-1  
Mexico City, Attaché  
ICE Representative  
RC-1

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DOJ-FF-52537

**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2010 8:19 AM  
**To:** McMahon, William G.  
**Subject:** Re: SAC write up 04 26 2010

**ATF**

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I don't like HQ driving our cases but understand the "sensitivities" of this case better than anyone. ATF prosecution, RC-3 Once we establish that link we can hold this case up as an example of the link between narcotics and firearms trafficking which would be great on a national media scale but if the Director wants this case shut down then so be it.

Bill Newell  
Special Agent in Charge  
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

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**From:** McMahon, William G.  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Tue Apr 27 07:59:35 2010  
**Subject:** RE: SAC write up 04 26 2010

Bill,

We need to begin working on an "exit strategy" for this case. Let me know what your plans are for taking this case down to include the timing.

Also, can I get a write up on Wide Receiver? Billy is meeting with ATF tomorrow and this case is on the agenda.

Thanks,

William G. McMahon  
Deputy Assistant Director (West)  
Office of Field Operations

RC-1

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**From:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2010 8:14 PM  
**To:** McMahon, William G.  
**Subject:** Fw: SAC write up 04 26 2010

Update on Fast and Furious. RC-3  
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Bill Newell  
Special Agent in Charge  
ATF Phoenix Field Division (AZ and NM)

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**From:** [ATF]  
**To:** Newell, William D.  
**Sent:** Mon Apr 26 20:08:43 2010  
**Subject:** FW: SAC write up 04 26 2010  
Bill,

Attached is a one page update from [ATF]

[ATF]  
*Bureau of ATF*  
*Phoenix Field Division*  
*Supervisor, Phoenix V*  
RC-1

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**From:** [ATF]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2010 4:20 PM  
**To:** [ATF]  
**Subject:** SAC write up 04 26 2010

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From: [redacted] ATF  
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 6:51:21 PM  
To: [redacted] ATF  
Subject: RE: Mexicali Seizure

We have tentatively identified one of these guns as one of our suspect guns, haven't had time to run the rest

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

From: [redacted] ATF  
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 2:35 PM  
To: [redacted] ATF  
Cc:  
Subject: Fw: Mexicali Seizure

[redacted] ATF these are the guns. [redacted] ATF is going to trace them. The pgr is thinking that these are all going to sinaloa. The reason is they are avoiding nogales where the Z are hunting them. Chapo is arming for a war.

SSA [redacted] ATF

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

From: [redacted] ATF  
To: [redacted] ATF  
Cc:  
Sent: Fri Dec 11 15:54:01 2009  
Subject: Mexicali Seizure

This is the list of guns from the Mexicali seizure that occurred from 12/09/09 through 12/10/09. The totals are included in the heading of the attached document. We are suspecting that these guns are coming from a trafficking crew based out of phoenix who have bought approximately [redacted] ATF [redacted] ATF is the case agent out of Phoenix and we are in contact with her.

These will be traced by Tijuana.

[redacted] ATF  
Assistant Country Attache  
Tijuana Field Office

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From: [redacted] ATF  
To: [redacted] ATF

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