From:

Cooley Joseph

Sent:

Monday, March 01, 2010 1.05 PM

To: Subject: 'Hurley, Emory (USAAZ)'
FW: Firearms Investigation

#### Emory.

I was just informed that you are the AUSA assigned to this case. The ATF Director asked that the DOJ, Cominal Division provide assistance in the Mexican Firearms Trafficking cases. I have been assigned to this matter. Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

#### JAC

Joseph A. Codey
Trial Attorney
Gang Unit
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950 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Suite RC-1
Washington, DC 20530
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From: Gillett, George T. Jr. <u>[mailto RC-1]</u> Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 12:59 PM

To: Cooley, Joseph; Voth, David J.

Cc: O'Keefe, Kevin C.; MacAllister, Hope A.; Hurley, Emory (USAAZ)

Subject: RE: Firearms Investigation

Mr. Cooley -

The investigation you are referring to has been dubbed, "The East and Furious." This is an approved OCDETF investigation. I will have group supervisor David Voth coordinate with you to meet on this investigation. There is a briefing scheduled at 1.00 PM on Friday, May 5, at ATF Headquarters on this and other active, southwest border investigations. It may be most effective (if your schedule permits) to attend this briefing. However, I will have Mr. Voth contact you on your cell phone to coordinate a meeting with you before the briefing so you can be completely up to speed.

Please don't he sitate to contact me if you have further questions/concerns.

# George T. Gillett

Assistant Special Agent in Charge ATE Phoenix Field Division Office RC-1

From: Cooley, Joseph [mailto RC-1

Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 10:43 AM To: Gillett, Gentry T. Jr., Volh, Davis J.

Do: O'Reafe, Kevin C.

Subject: Fire-ing investigation

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At the request of A+F Headquarters. Gang Unit has agreed to assist in the Firearms trafficking into Mexico investigations. Earlier this year, I was assigned to this task. I just finished up a trial last week and J am now available to provide any assistance needed. I understand that the case agent working out the Phoenix Office is Flopa McAliister. I could not find there in the email directory. Please have her contact me at her earliest convenience.

JAC

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#### RO-1

From: Canwile, Kevin

Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 5:35 PM

To: Weinstein, Jason, Raman, Mythili, Fagell, Steven

Subject: weekly report for Gang Unit
Attachments: Gang Unit Update\_3.4.10.docx

Please see attached

P Kevin Carwile Chief, Gang Unit Criminal Division

U.S. Department of Justice



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# Criminal Division

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930 Pennsylvania Avenue, S/3F Washington, D.C. 20530

March 4, 2010

# **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Jason M. Weinstein, DAAG

Mythili Raman, Principal DAAG/Chief of Staff

Steven E. Fagell, Deputy Chief of Staff

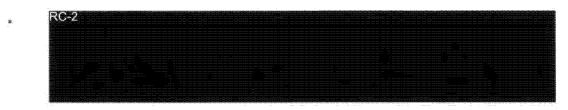
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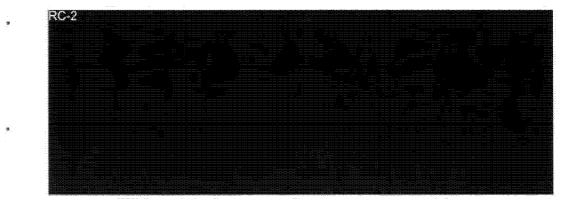
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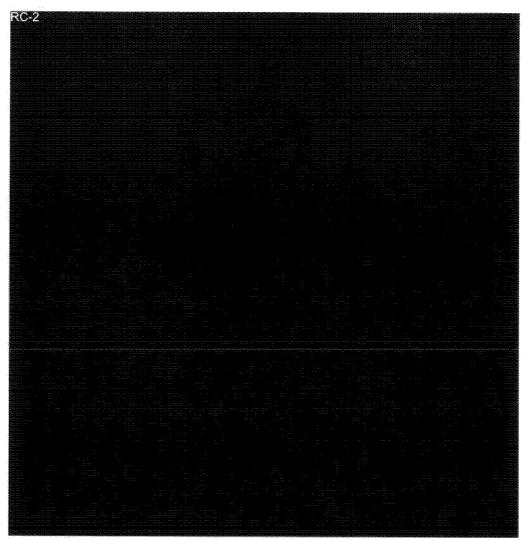
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**Southwest Border Firearms Initiative:** On **March 1**, GU met with ATF HQ to be briefed on developments in Operation *Fast and Furious* and various firearms trafficking investigations based in Phoenix, AZ. RC-2

"rom:

Cooley, Joseph

Jent:

Thursday, March 04, 2010 5:56 PM

To:

O'Keefe, Kevin C. (ATF)

Subject:

RE Debriefing at ATF Tomorrow

Will do. Thanks.

Joseph A. Gooley Trial Attorney Gang Unit

Deptartment of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Surte RC-1

Washington, DC 20530

Cell **RC-1** Fax

From: O'Keefe, Kevin C. (mailto: RC-1

Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 5:51 PM

To: Cooley, Joseph

Subject: RE: Debriefing at ATF Tomorrow

Importance: High

toe—my applicates for not reaching out to you personally on this, running in circles; I realize our Phoenix gays had talked to you. Yes, please stop by Dave, along with my analysts here in HQ will be briefing. It will be much more detailed than what I gave you on Monday. We will also have VTC with our SAC in Phoenix, Dallas and Houston. It is set for 1 pm. Give me a buzz when you get here and t'il get you up to our 7th Floor Conf Room. See you tomotrow.

Kevin O'Kenfe

Chief Criminal Intel Oly

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From: Cooley, Joseph (mailto

Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 5:07 PM

To: O'Keefe, Kevin C.

Subject: Debriefing at ATF Tomorrow

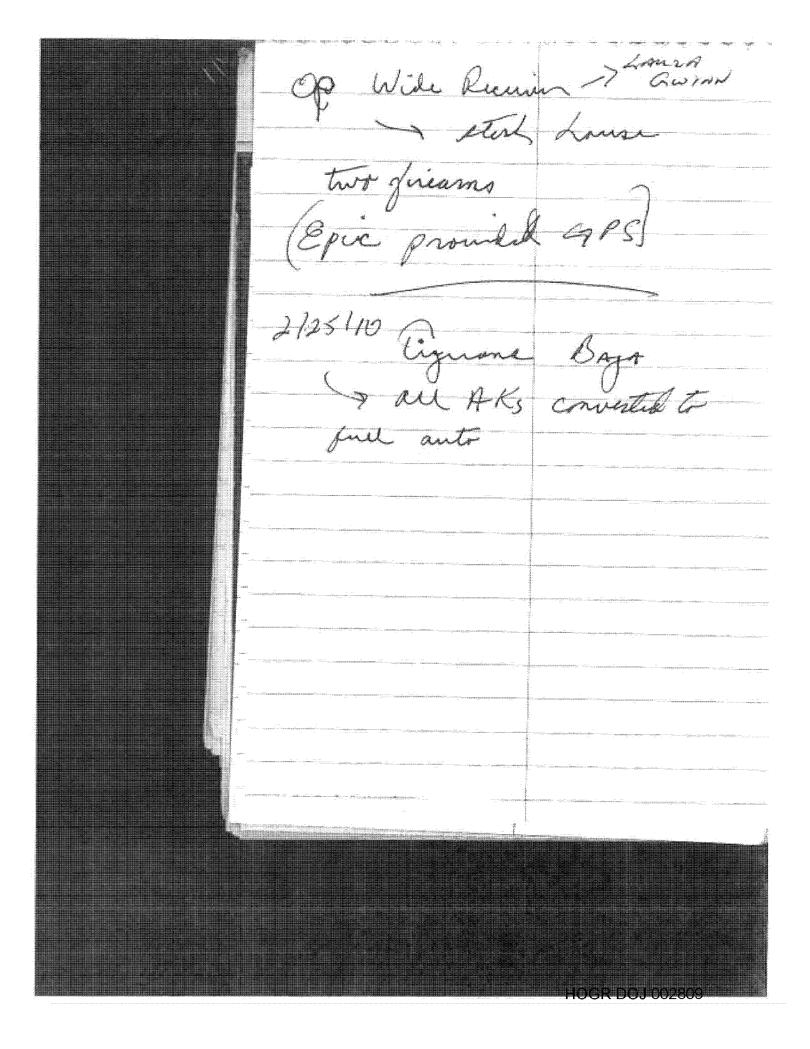
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rom:

Coaley Joseph

Jent:

Monday, March 06, 2010 5-24 PM

To:

Reeves, Bryan N.

Subject:

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Southwest Border Firearms Initiative: RC-2

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From: Reeves, Bryan N.

Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 5:17 PM

To: Cooley, Joseph

Subject: Southwest Border Firearms Initiative:

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Sincerely,

Bryan N. Reeves

United States Department of Justice

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Telephone: RC-1

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From: Reeves, Etyan II.

Sent: Monday, March 06, 2010 5:07 F4+

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Can you update the paragraph below and email it back in the same format with the bolded bitle/header etc... this makes it easier to cut/paste your reply into the final doc. each week...

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Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 5:46 PM

To: Weinstein, Jason, Raman, Mythii, Fagell, Steven

Cc: Trusty, James Subject: weekly report

Attachments: Gang Unit Update\_3 11 10 docx

#### See attached

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March 11, 2010

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TO:

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Mythili Raman, Principal DAAG/Chief of Staff

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FROM:

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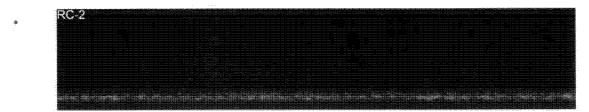
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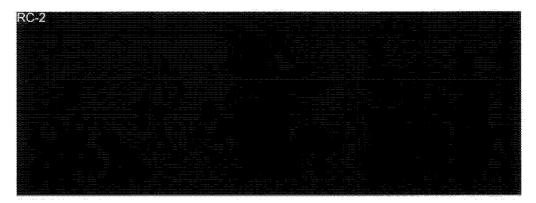
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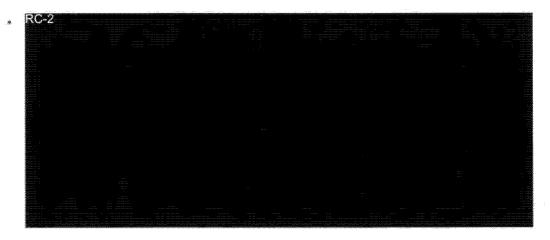




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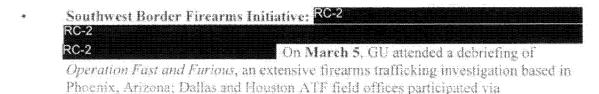
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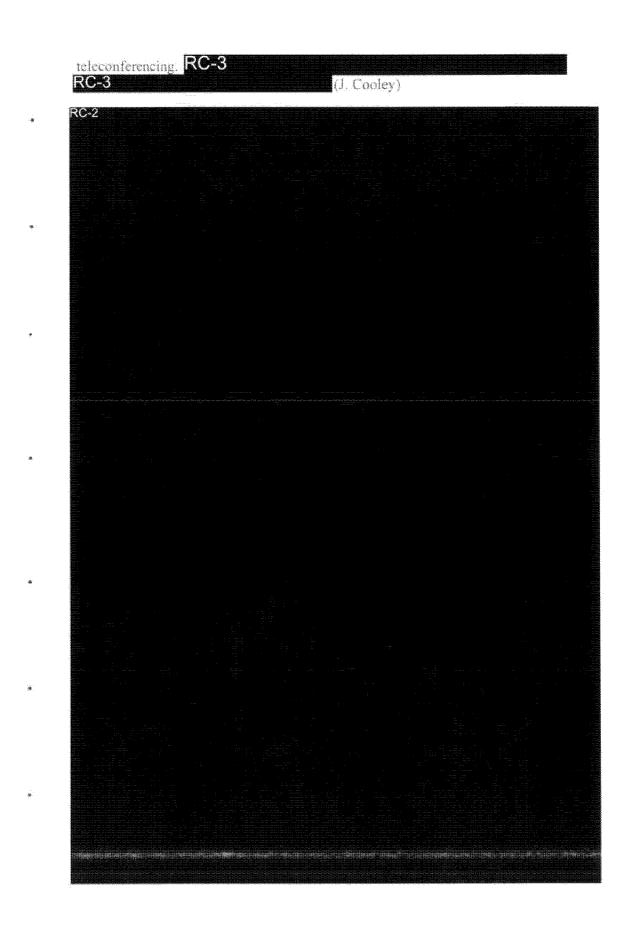


V. Significant Speeches or Public Events:

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VI. Status of Other Major Matters/Initiatives/Issues:

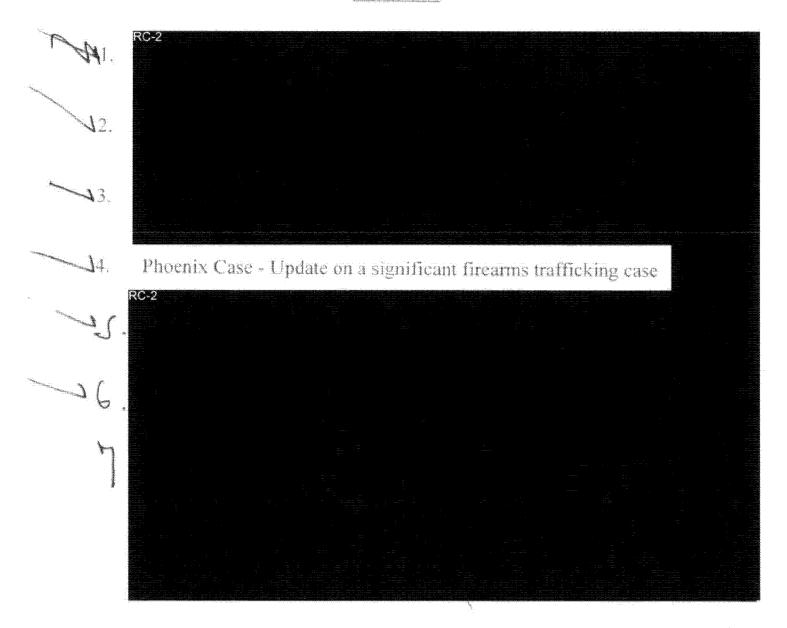




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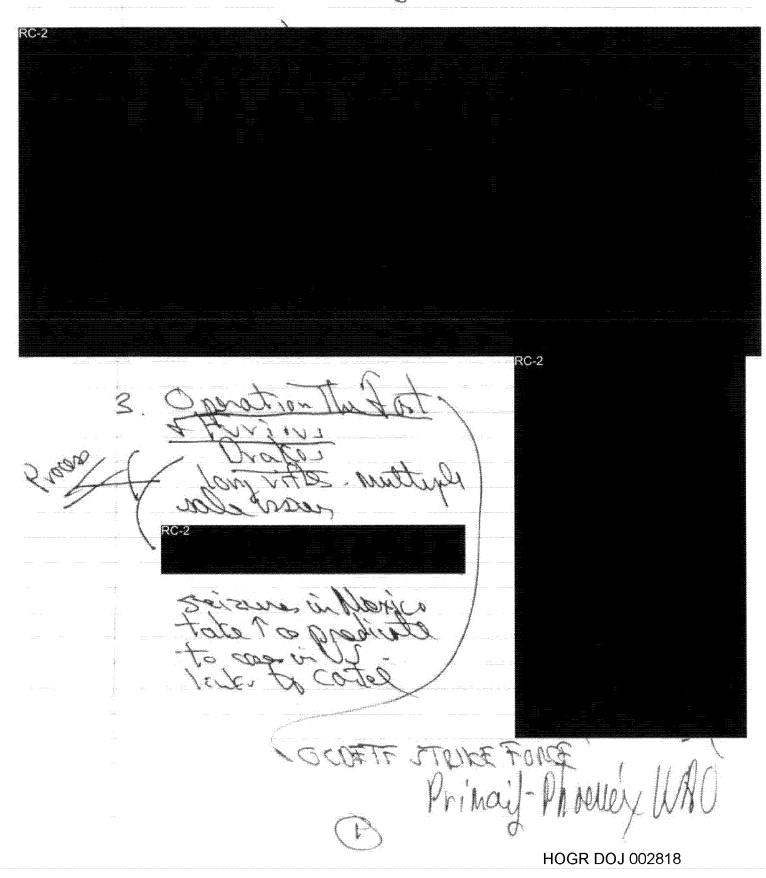
# ATF Monthly Meeting with the Acting Deputy Attorney General Friday, March 12, 2010

# <u>AGENDA</u>



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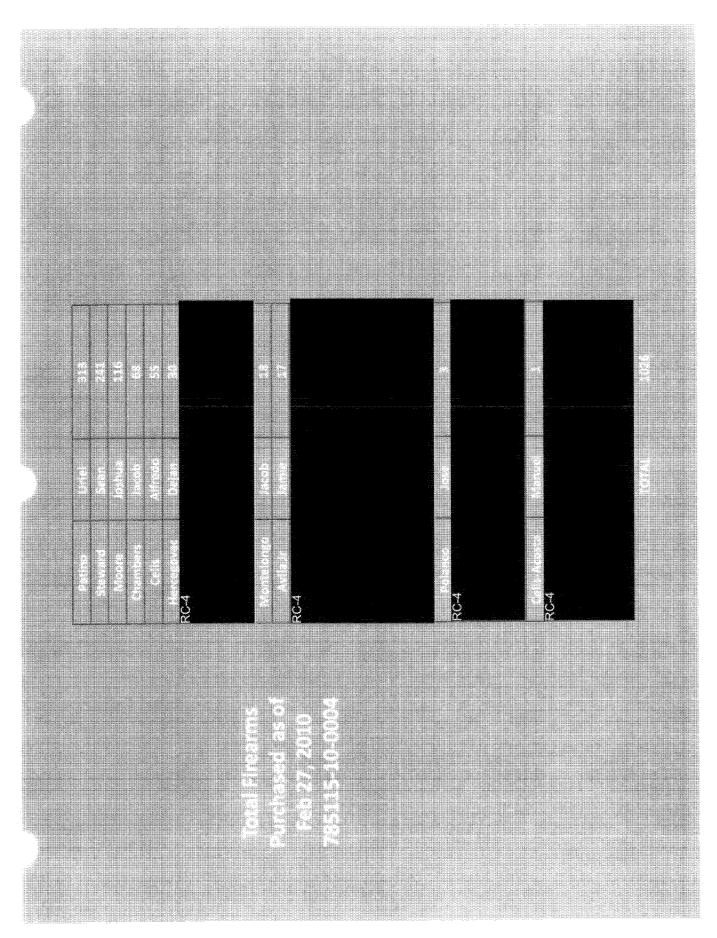
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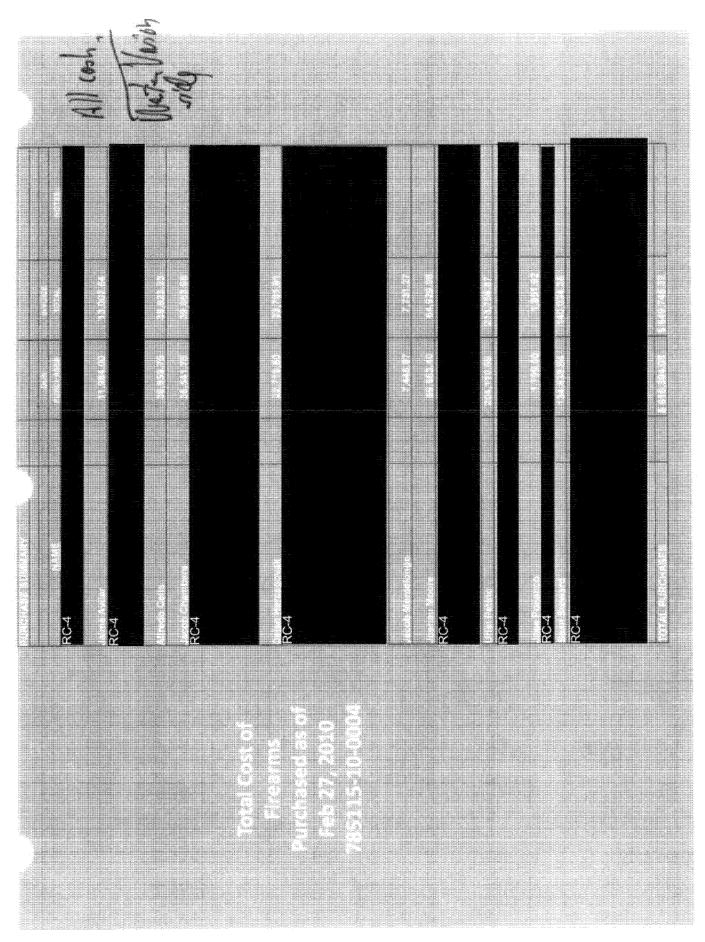


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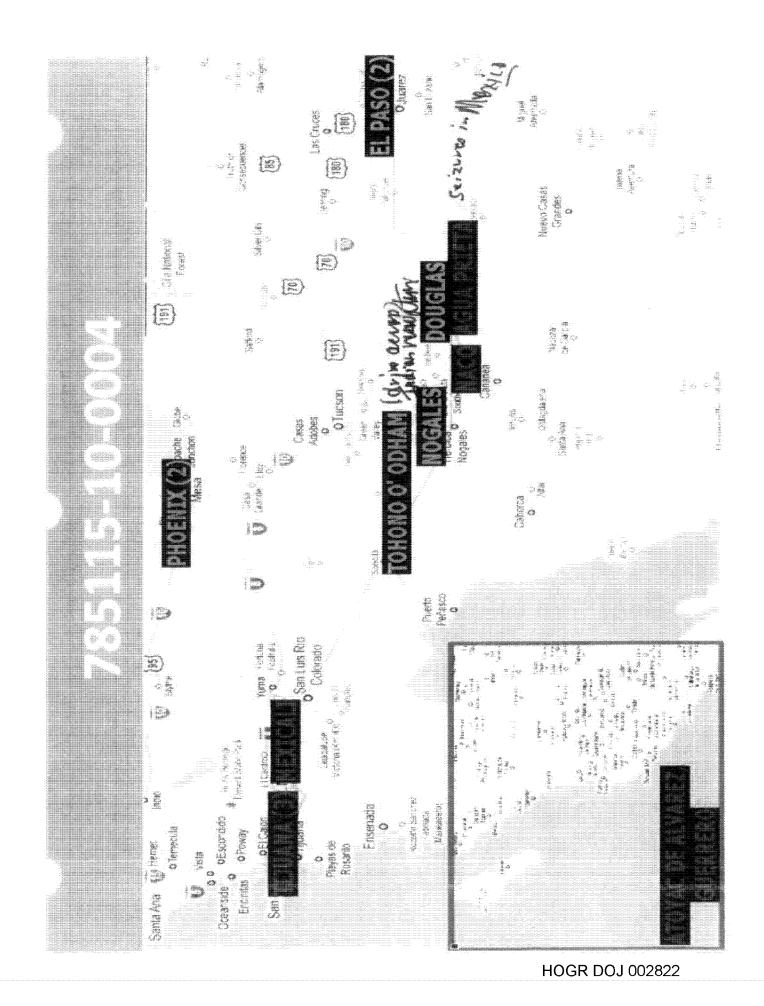
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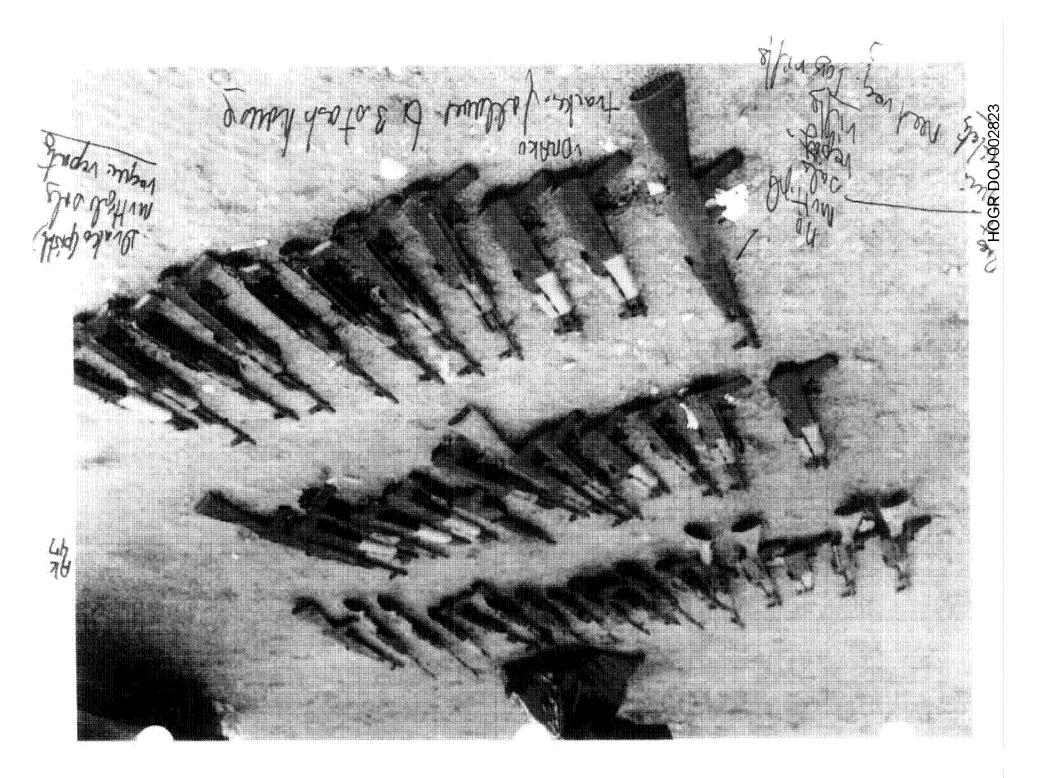


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From:

Cooley Joseph

Sent:

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 8:13 AM

To: Subject: Carwie, Kevin-Re Important

Op Fast and Furious (many of the straw purchasers are members of a car club).

Joseph A. Cooley Gang Unit, DOJ

cell **Resident** 

This message is being sent via my blackberry. Please excuse any typos.

---- Original Message -----

From: Carwile, Kevin To: Cooley, Joseph

Sent: Tue Mar 16 08:01:53 2010

Subject: RE: Important

Thanks loe. BTW, what is the name of the Arizona case/investigation which we thought you could join but the USAO is now handling?

P. Kevin Carwile Chief, Gang Unit Criminal Division

U.S. Department of Justice

----Original Message----

From: Cooley, Joseph

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 12:45 AM

To: Carwile, Kevin Subject: RE: Important

There were two major firearm seizures in Mexico. The first seizure of approximately 100 weapons occurred in August of 2008 in the Miguel Aleman, just across the boarder from Roma, TX. The second seizure of approximately 450 weapons was seized on November 6, 2008, in Reynosa, located across the boarder from McAllen, TX. Both caches of weapons are believed to be associated with the Gulf Cartel, DTO. Of the 450 weapons seized, ATF has completed traces on approximately 300. These weapons were purchased primarily in Texas, by in excess of 40 straw purchasers. ATF believes many of these straw purchasers are relatives. GU is planning on traveling to Houston, TX the week of March 22, to meet and coordinate with the AFT case agents.

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Joseph A. Cooley

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----Original Message----

From: Carwile, Kevin

Sent: Monday, March 15, 2010 9:21 PM To: Cooley, Joseph; Gwinn, Laura

Subject: Important

Sorry for this quick turnaround but the front office wants firearms related talking points. I have to throw something together by 11:00 tomm. Can both of you send me a paragraph describing your trafficking investigations? Joe, just the texas one for you. Again, sorry for the quick deadline but I was just informed. Thanks.

# Rodriguez, Mary

From:

Carwile, Kevin

Sent: To:

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 10:47 AM

Weinstein, Jason

Subject:

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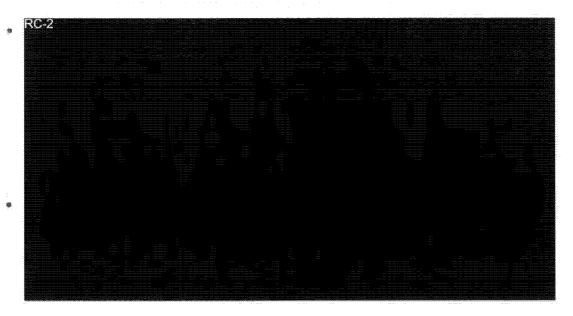
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P. Kevin Carwile Chief, Gang Unit Criminal Division U.S. Department of Justice

# FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TALKING POINTS



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# ROE

From: Weinstein Jason

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 11:04 AM

To: Carwile, Kevin, Pope, Amy

Subject: FW talking points

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This is helpful – thanks. Amy, you can take out the two specific operations and just say that we have ongoing trafficking investigations involving multiple USAOs focusing on guns being trafficked to Mexico.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 10:47 AM

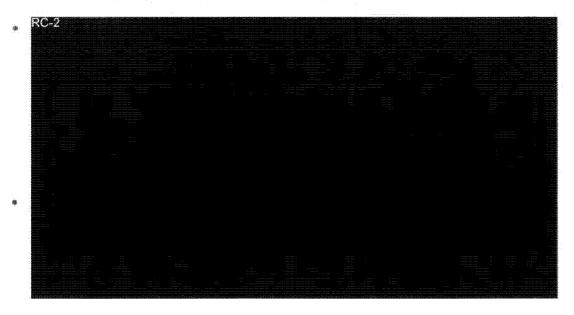
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Sent:

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 8:49 PM

To

Carwile, Kevin

Subject:

RE Reminder

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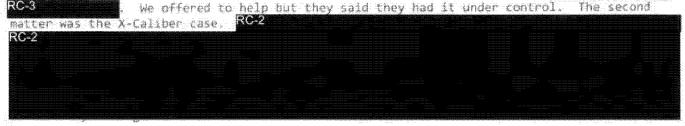
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-Jason M. Weinstein =

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Washington, D.C. 20530
Office: RC-1
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# Rodriguez, Mary

From:

Carwile, Kevin

Sent:

Tuesday, March 16, 2010 9:12 PM

To: Subject: Weinstein, Jason Re-Reminder

I agree that we should not make a big deal out of x caliber. I think they knew he was on the fast and furious case because I got him to alter his holiday plans to get briefed. My assumption is they got impatient because he was tied up on his latin kings trial in texas.

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Deputy Assistant Attorney General
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Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Attorney General

The Acting Deputy Attorney General

FROM:

Lanny A. Breuer

Assistant Attorney General

DATE

Week of October 18, 2010

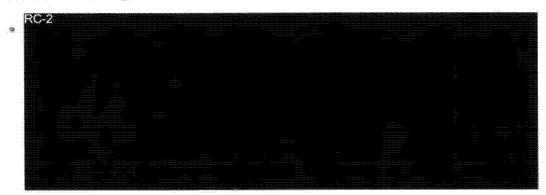
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Weekly Report

# SIGNIFICANT UPCOMING EVENTS

# A. Litigation

1. Indictments/Investigations



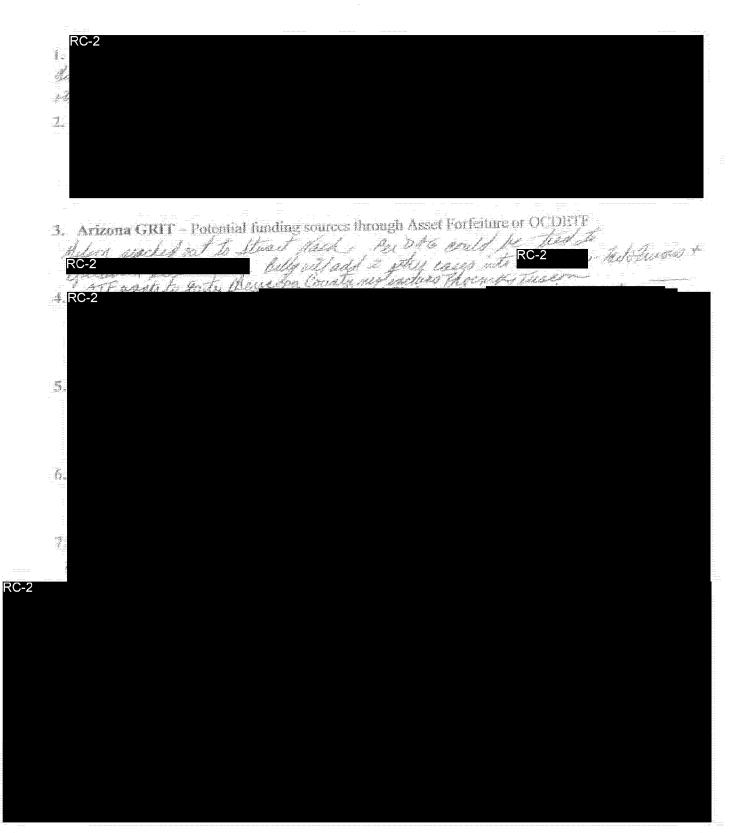
 Tucson Gun Trafficking (D. Ariz.): On October 27, the Organized Crime and Gang Section (OCGS) plans to indict eight individuals under seal relating to the trafficking of hundreds of firearms to Mexico. The sealing will likely last until another investigation, Phoenix-based "Operation Fast and Furious," is ready for takedown



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# Agenda for Meeting with ODAG and ATE April 14, 2010



rom:

Larson, Brian (USAAZ) RC-1

sent:

Thursday, June 17, 2010 7:59 PM

To:

Carwile, Kevin

Cc: Subject: Morrissey, Mike (USAAZ) RE firearms cases/Mexico

Kevin,

This is a go. She can begin working with Emory Hurley on the Cost and take the lead on the Mejia case. Emory will continue on both for our office. She has Emory's contact information. Emory and his Section Chief will be sending an email with the case identifiers. We will work on the other case (with AUSA Rassas) when she gets here. For your information, Emory's Section Chief is Mike Morrissey. Lam copying him.

Thope this ends up being as mutually beneficial as anticipated. Let me know if you need anything further from me. Thank you.

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From: Carwile, Kevin (CRM)

Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 12:01 PM

To: Larson, Brian (USAA2)

Subject: RE: firearms cases/Mexico

Sounds good to me. Let me know when it is a done deal on your end so I can go back to Laura with contact info, etc.

P Kevin Carwile Chief, Gang Unit Criminal Division

U.S. Department of Justice

From: Larson, Brian (USAAZ) RC-1

Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 2:53 PM

To: Carvale, Kevin

Subject: Re: firearms cases/Mexico

Yes. While it is still to be confirmed, we are going in the direction of having Laura work with Emory Burley on the two ATF cases he has right now (current case and the Pennylvania guns/drug case with the tie to MX). She could then work the evidence exchange in the case of two fugitives in MX that was handled by Theresa Rassas. The idea being that MX could take the prosecution. That case should not take that much time and she could consider another case. Does that sound good?

Dennis Burke has approved this and the section chief is evaluating the cases I recommended to see if those are the best ones for Laura to work on as co-counsel. She would continue working on the Tucson case. I would make sure this gets off the ground as the Strike Force alty and would keep an I out for any other good cases to work jointly.

From: Carwille, Kevin (CRM)
To: Larson, Brian (USAAZ)
Sent: Thu Jun 17 13:48:56 2010
Subject: firearms cases/Mexico

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Any progress in identifying specific cases for Laura Gwinn to help staff along with AUSA \$7

P Kevin Carwie Chief, Gang Unit Criminal Division IS Department of Justice RC-1

From:

Hoover, William J. (ATF)

Sent:

Thursday, July 01, 2010 5:24 PM

To:

Siskel, Edward N. (ODAG), Michalic, Mark (ODAG)

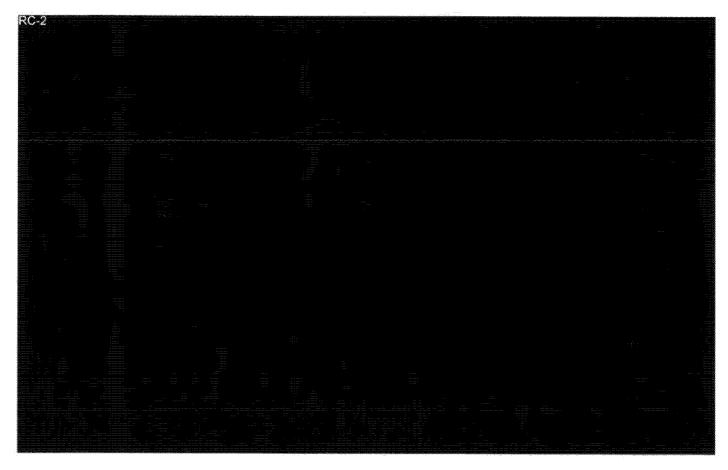
Subject:

AZ seizures re guns to MX

Ed and Mark,

Just wanted to share two seizures made this week in separate cases from AZ.

# 1) SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:



# 2) SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

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NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

On June 30, 2010 as part of an ongoing OCDETF RC-3 investigation into Southwest Border Firearms Trafficking activity ATF Phoenix Group VII agents assisted by the Phoenix Police Department conducted a traffic stop on Alfredo CELIS (a 19 year old Hispanic male.) CELIS had recently purchased twenty (20) Century International Arms, WASR-10, 7.62 caliber rifles (an AK-47 variant) from a local Phoenix FFL. CELIS was traveling in a motor vehicle for which the license plate was not valid in the State of Arizona. The vehicle was towed for impound and the above firearms were taken into ATF custody as part of this ongoing investigation. Also recovered from inside the vehicle and purchased by CELIS were twenty (20) 7.62 caliber high capacity magazines. CELIS paid a total of \$11,000.00 cash for the above items. ATF utilized a Phoenix Police Department narcotics detection canine (K-9) which altered on the \$11,000.00 cash as being positive for the presence of narcotics residue.

Billy

William J. Hoover
Executive Assistant Director
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# U.S. Department of Justice

## National Drug Intelligence Center

Office of the Director

DATE: July 5, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM:

Michael F. Walther

Director

National Drug Intelligence Center

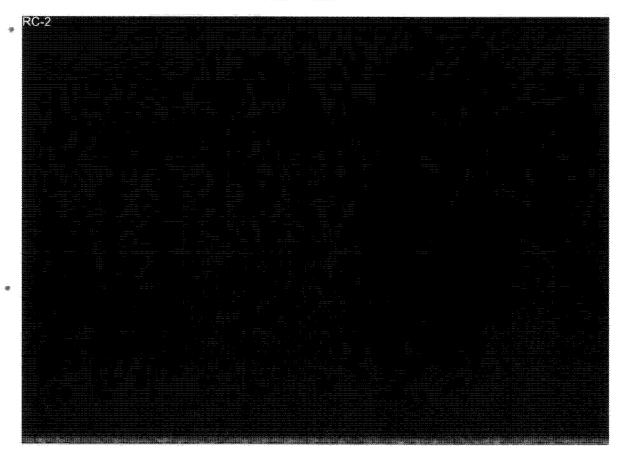
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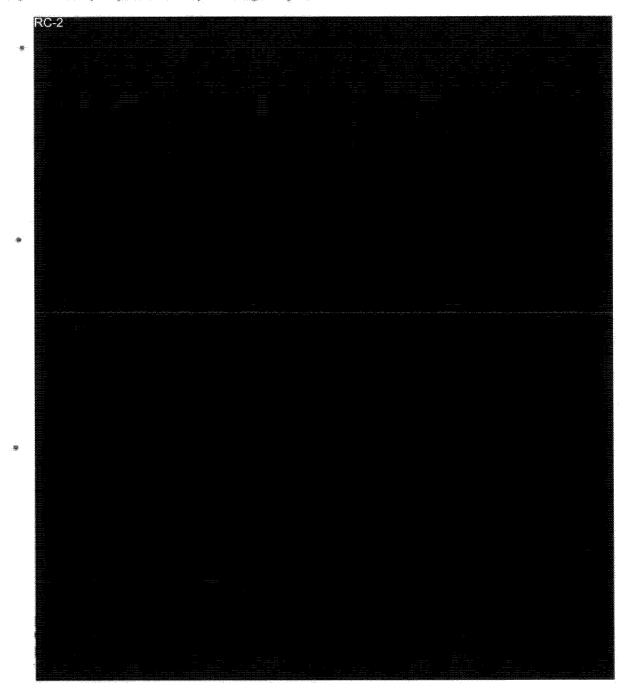
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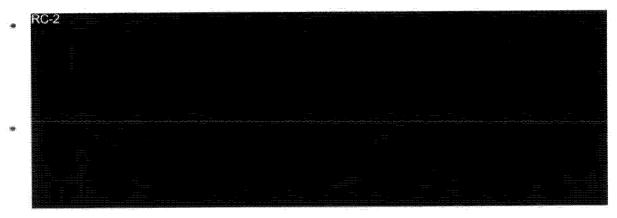
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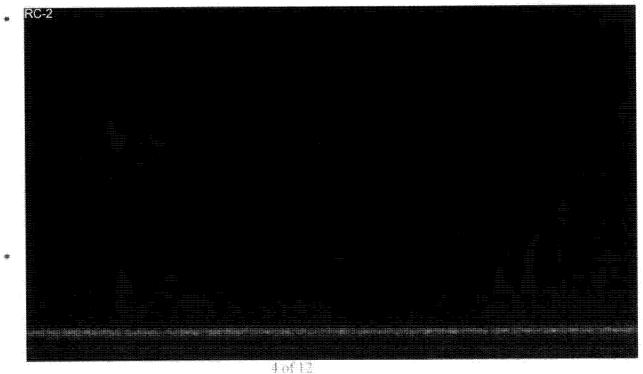
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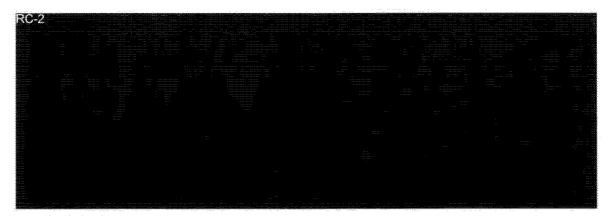


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## U.S. Department of Justice

## National Drug Intelligence Center

Office of the Director

DATE: July 12, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM:

Michael F. Walther

Director

National Drug Intelligence Center

SUBJECT

WEEKLY REPORT FOR JULY 12 THROUGH JULY 16, 2010

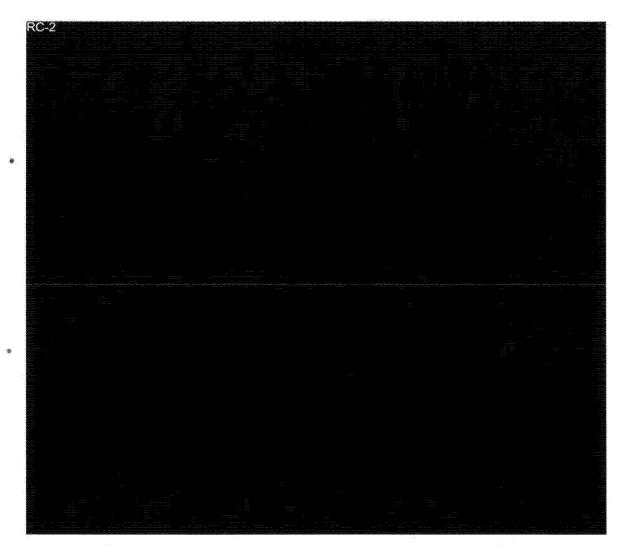
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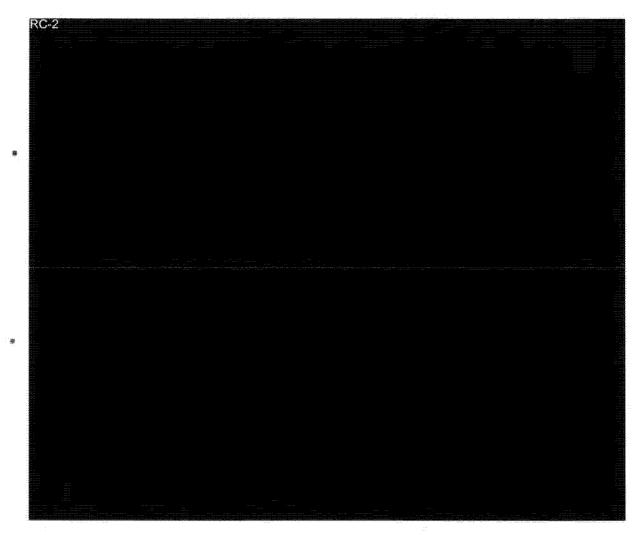


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#### RC-1

From:

Siskel, Edward N. (ODAG)

Sent:

Wednesday, July 14, 2010 6:38 PM

To: Cc:

Chait, Mark R (ATF) Hoover, William J (ATF)

Subject:

RE SIR

Thanks Mark. How much longer is the GRIT going to be operating in AZ? At what point after that will we know the total results of the operation and be in a position to do some public roll out along the lines of what we did in Texas?

From: Chait, Mark R. (ATF)

Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 4:49 PM

To: Siskel, Edward N. (ODAG) Cc: Hoover, William J. (ATF)

Subject: Fw: SIR

This is second significant seizure yesterday by our GRIT.

Mark R. Chait Assistant Director Field Operations

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

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DATE

July 13, 2010

FROM

Phoenix Field Division

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CASE IMPERMATION

CASE NUMBER

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CASE TITLE CHAMBERS JAKON CON-

SPECIAL AGENT Voll, David TELEPHONE NUMBER RC-1
SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:
Resovers of 70 - 7.62 rifles as part of appring RC-3 investigation

## NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY

On July 12, 2010, Federal Parolee, Kenneth Thompson was arrested and charged on Arizona state charges of Hit and Run and Felon in Possession of a Firearm after fleeing from Peoria Police Department patrol units. ATF provided Peoria Police with information that Thompson was in possession of firearms as part of an active CC-3 case, Operation Fast & Furious, 785115-10-0004. Thompson fled from officers and crashed his vehicle into a cinder block wall after jumping the train tracks near the intersection of 67th Lane and Grand Avenue, Peoria, AZ. Both Thompson and the unidentified passenger fled the scene on foot and a short time later Peoria Police officers captured Thompson approximately ½ mile from the scene. Thompson suffered a broken leg and was transported to a local hospital for treatment, the passenger was never located. Thompson was released from Federal custody in September of 2009, after serving approximately 60 months after he entered a plea of guilty of 21 USC 846, Conspiracy to Possess Marijuana in February 2004.

During an inventory search of the vehicle, Peoria police officers recovered (20) ROMARM/CUGIR, 7.62x39 caliber rifles from the bed of the truck. The firearms had been purchased earlier that day by a subject identified as a straw purchaser in the coinciding ATF investigation. In addition, (2) pistols were recovered from the cab compartment of the vehicle. ATF agents took custody of the (20) ROMARM 7.62x39 caliber rifles as part of the ongoing ATF investigation. Peoria officer retained custody of the (2) pistols for further state prosecution.

This recovery adds to the total of 96 firearms recovered in the previous 24 days by Group VII agents and GRIT agents assigned to Group VII as part of Southwest Border Firearms Trafficking investigations



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## National Drug Intelligence Center

Office of the Director

DATE: July 19, 2010

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THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM:

Michael F. Walther

Director

National Drug Intelligence Center

SUBJECT:

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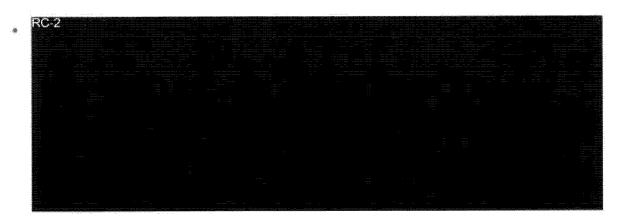
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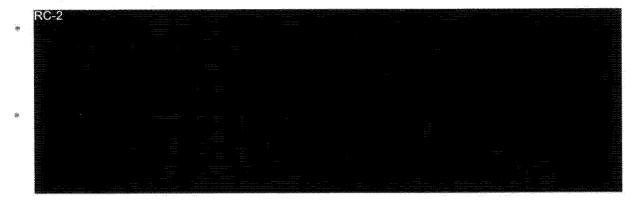
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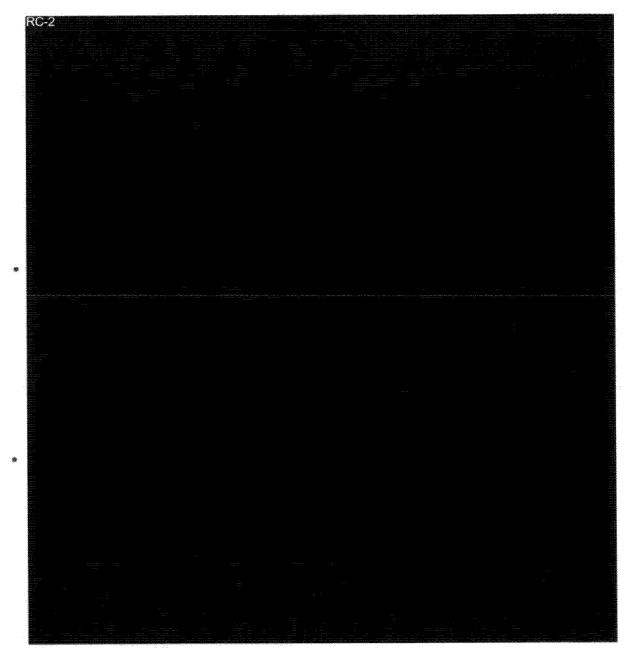
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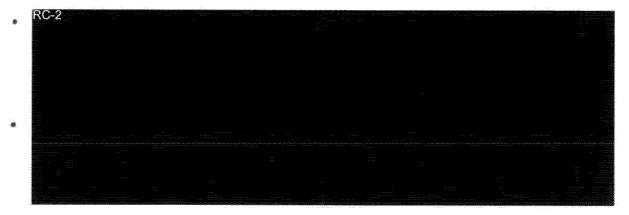
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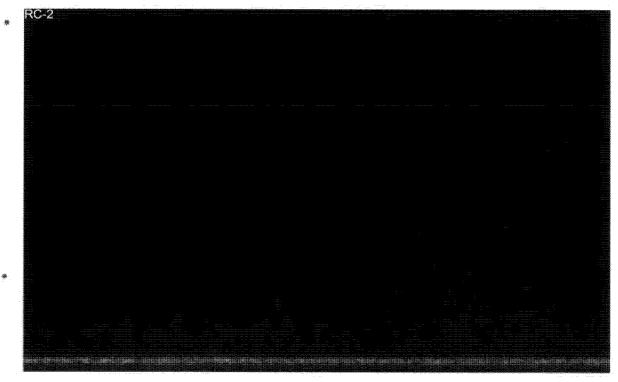
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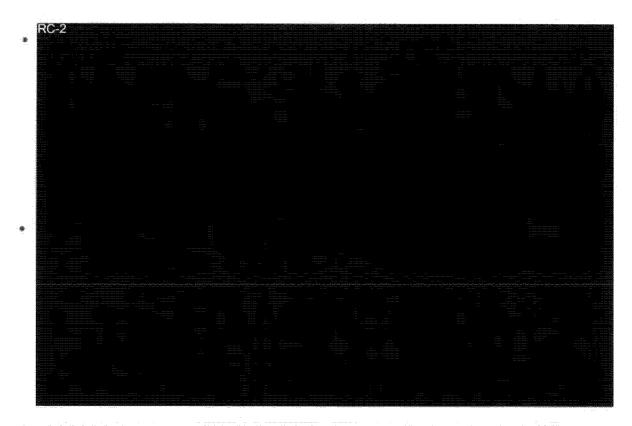
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## U.S. Department of Justice

## National Drug Intelligence Center

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DATE: July 26, 2010

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THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM:

Michael F. Walther

Director

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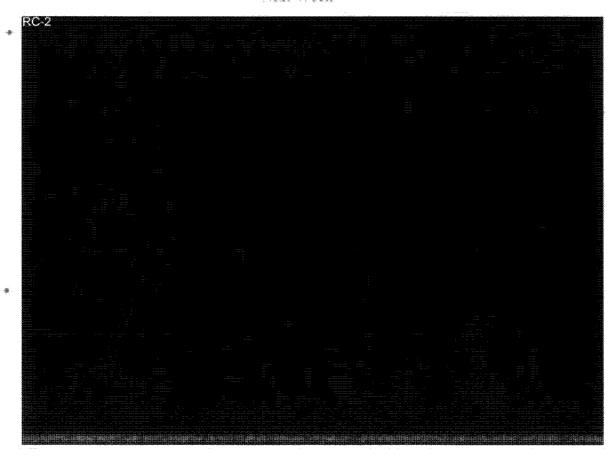
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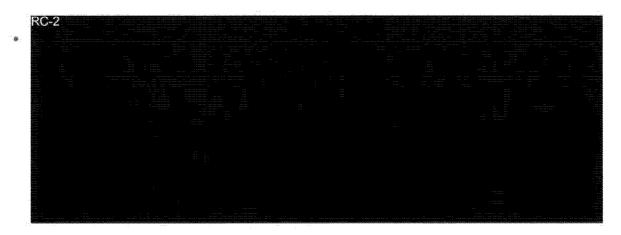
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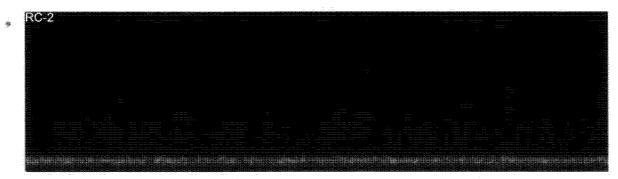


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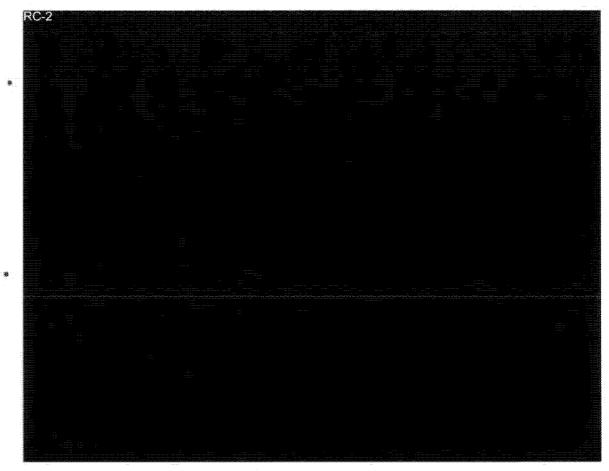
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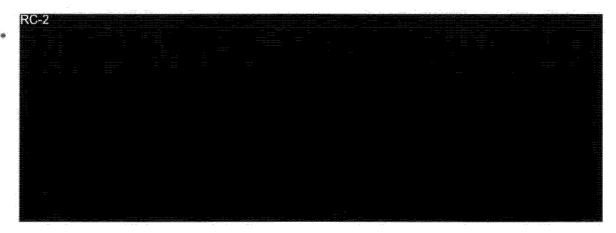
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\* (U) National Drug Threat Assessment 2010 Briefing to the National Guard Bureau:

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rom:

Trusty, James

sent:

Thursday, July 29, 2010 8,50 AM

To: Subject: Carwile, Kevin RE: Do you

You mean a weekly case update that's different than our usual weekly report? No, I haven't been doing that but let me know what you were doing in that regard and I can adjust.

The only things I can think of re: Mexico are Gwinn's gun stuff and the RC case. Here's taura's info for this week:

Phoenix cross-border project: (a) RC-2 RC-2

(b) Celis-Acosta: this is the large-scale gun trafficking case involving in excess of 1500 guns purchased to date, and RC-3 I am still trying to "learn" the case through review of RC-3 , a running log of overt acts and discussions with the lead attorney RC-3 strategy session was held to determine course of action over the next couple of RC-3.

It is hoped that we would be in a position to consider indictment approximately early to mid-fall.

Tucson gun-trafficking case: I discussed with Emory Hurley, the lead AUSA on the Celis-Acosta case, the possibility of arresting and unsealing the indictments of the two persons who were indicted in May. Since those two appear to have no connection to the Phoenix case, it was agreed that I would contact the agent to have him determine the current location of the defendants.

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arrest/unseal once we confirm no connection.



Hope this helps -

From: Carwile, Kevin

Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2018 7:39 AM

To: Trusty, James Subject: Do you

lave any morito related updates which I can relate at the meeting this muching? Are we pushing a weekly race update to the front office?

P. Kevin Carwille Chief, Capital Case Unit Criminal Division .S. Department of Justice



# U.S. Department of Justice

## National Drug Intelligence Center

Office of the Director

DATE: August 9, 2010

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THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Michael E. Walther

Director

National Drug Intelligence Center

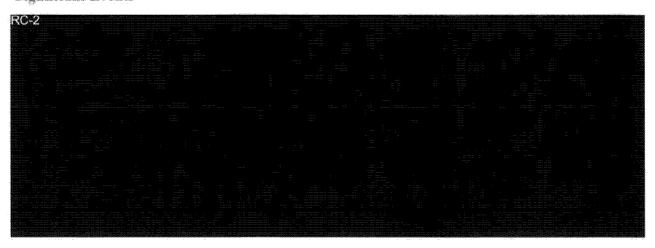
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THROUGH AUGUST 13, 2010



STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE

## Significant Events



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Memorandum to the Attorney General from Michael F. Walther dated August 9, 2010 Subject: Weekly Report from August 9 through August 13, 2010

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Region:

Operation FAST AND THE FURIOUS

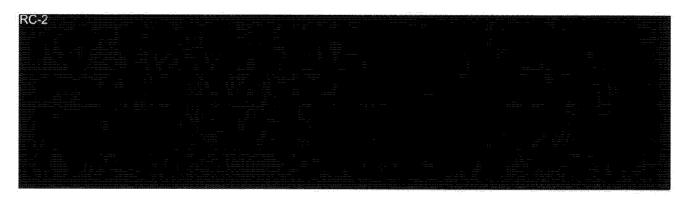
ATF Phoenix

Anizona, Texas, Mexico-

Fargets: Drugs/Crime Manuel Celis-Acosta

Firearms trafficking through straw purchases Participants: ICE, Phoenix (AZ) Police Department

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Thursday, October 14, 2010 5:56 PM

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Greg, Trusty, James, Pope, Amy, Buretta, John

Cc:

Metz, Thomas R. (FBI), Stewart, Robert M. (FBI), LaPlante, Michael J. (FBI), Plichta, Michael

F (FBI) Philips, Dean (FBI)

Subject:

OCGS Weekly Report

Attachments:

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See attached Thanks

Thomas P. Ott Deputy Chief Organized Crime & Racketeering Section Criminal Division U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C.

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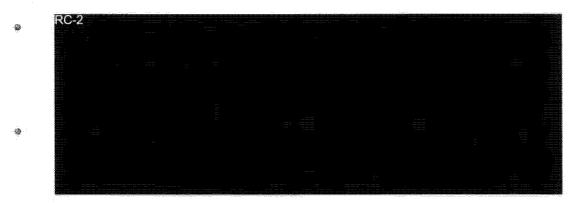
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## OCGS WEEKLY REPORT Week of Oct 8- Oct 14, 2010

I. Significant Accomplishments of the Past Week



11. Urgent Litigation Matters or Major Initiatives Requiring Attention in the Next Week or Two, including Significant Litigation Matters that Have Court Deadlines in the Next Week or Two



• Tracson Gun Trafficking. TA Gwinn plans to indict eight individuals under seal on Oct. 27th. The indictment will cover the trafficking of hundreds of firearms to Mexico. The sealing will likely last until such time as the Phoenix-based "Operation Fast and Furious" is ready for takedown. That investigation has spanned RC-3 and likely involved hundreds, if not thousands, of firearms. In addition, Gwinn has been assigned as primary prosecutor for a related straw purchasing case where a ring of up to nine purchasers may be indicted in short order as well (L. Gwinn)

III. Expected Major Legislative, and Policy Developments in Next Week or Two

Xinne expected

## RC-1

From:

Trusty, James

sent:

Monday, October 18, 2010 9 21 AM

To

Subject:

Weinstein, Jason RE OCCS Weekly Report

I think so, but the timing will be tricky, too. Looks like we'll be able to unseal the Tucson case sooner than the East and Famous (although this may be just the difference between Novahid Dec). It's not clear how much we're involved in the main F and F case, but we have Ticson and now a new, related case with RC-5. It targets. It's not going to be any big surprise that a bunch of Usigons are being used in MX, so I'm not sure how much grief we get for "gons walking." It may be more like, "Finally, they're going after people who sent gons down there..."

From: Weinstein, Jason

Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2010 1::07-PM

To: Trusty, James

Subject: FW: OCGS Weekly Report

Do you think we should try to have Lanny participate in press when Fast and Fullous and Laura's Tucson case are unsealed? It's a tricky case, given the number of guns that have walked, but it is a significant set of presecutions.

From: Ott, Thomas.

Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 5:56 PM

To: Ohr, Bruce; Crow, Douglas; Duvall, Deborah; Gray, Laurie; Henry, Wakeya; Kecney, John; Raman, Mythili; Tinsley, Mary; Mulkern, Patrice; Toner, Gerald; Weinstein, Jason; Andres, Greg; Trusty, James; Pope, Amy; Buretta, John Cc: Metr, Thomas R. (FBI); Stewart, Robert M. (FBI); LaPlante, Michael J. (FBI); Pichta, Michael F. (FBI); Phillips, Dean

(EBL)

Subject: OCGS Weekly Report

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Thomas P. Dit
Deputy Chief
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Organized Crime & Racketeering Section
Criminal Division
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.
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## U.S. Department of Justice

## Criminal Division

Assistant Attorney General

Washington D.C. 20530

## MEMORANDUM

TO

The Attorney General

The Acting Deputy Attorney General

FROM:

Lanny A. Breuer

Assistant Atterney General

DATE:

Week of November 1, 2010

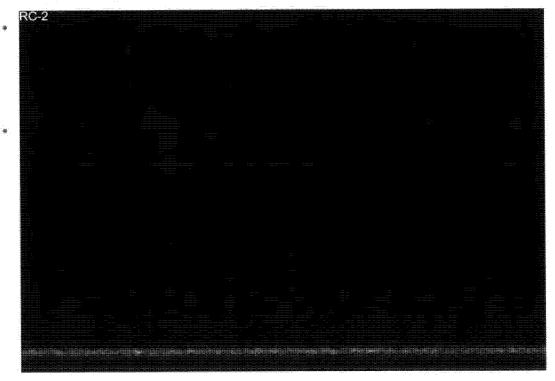
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Weekly Report

### 1. SIGNIFICANT UPCOMING EVENTS

## A Litigation

## 1 Indictments/Investigations



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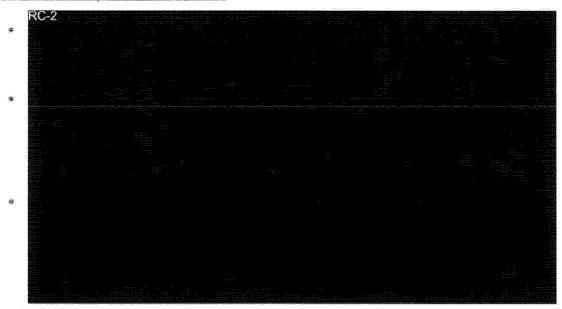
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# B. Policy and Legislative Work



## C. Public Events/Speeches/Presentations



#### 11. SIGNIFICANT RECENT EVENTS

## A. Litigation

1. Indiciments/Investigations

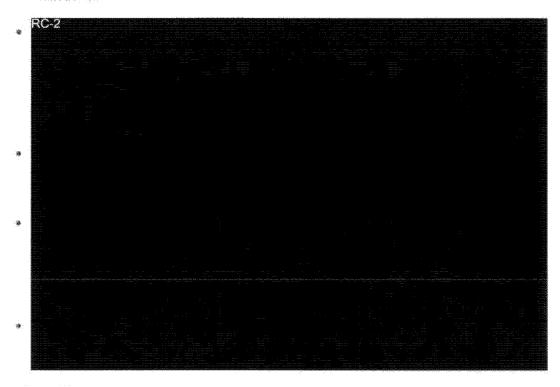


 Tucson-Gun Trafficking (D. Ariz.): On October 27, the Organized Crime and Gang Section (OCGS) indicted eight individuals under seal relating to the

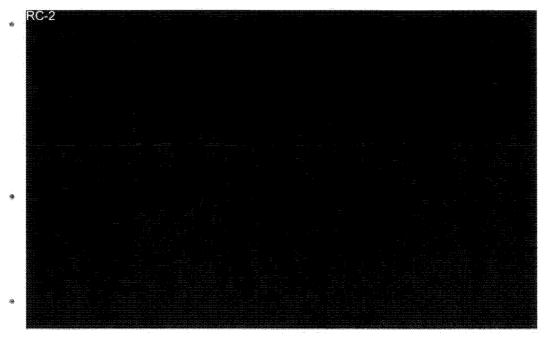
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trafficking of 228 firearms to Mexico. The scaling will likely last until another investigation, Phoenix-based "Operation Fast and Furious," is ready for takedown.



# 2 Guilty Pleas



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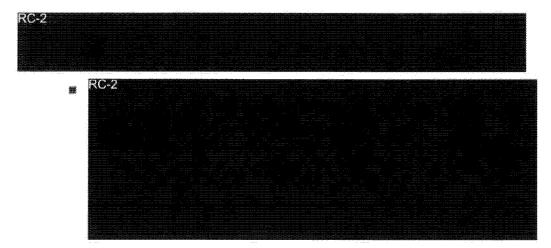
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Fast/Furious - 2 more months?

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rom: Weinstein, Jason

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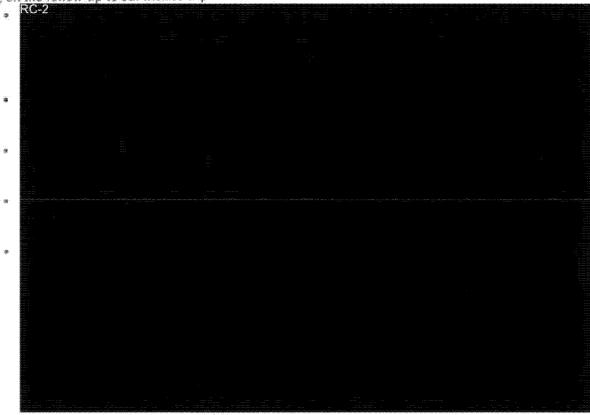
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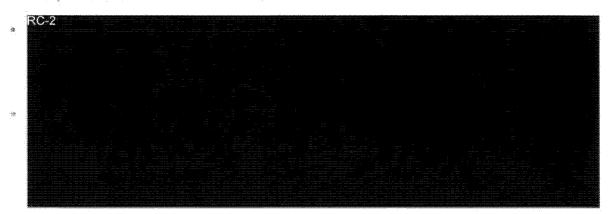
Subject: RE: are you pulling together any materials

Based on my conversations with Billy, here is what the meeting with Ken and Mark Chait appears to be about:

1. Briefing on the follow-up to our Mexico trip



2. Drop-off in U.S. prosecutions for firearms trafficking





 Ken is also frustrated by the pace of the USAO in AZ in bringing charges in the "Fast and Furious" gun-trafficking case (multiple RC-3) huge # of guns) - the AUSA has apparently told the agents that it will take a couple of months to draft the indictment; it appears that the AUSA on the case is not the fastest worker, and Laura Gwinn, our prosecutor on the case, is going to try to push things along including by offering to draft the indictment



From: Pope, Amy

Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 4:51 PM

To: Weinstein, Jason

Subject: are you pulling together any materials

On ATE mtg for tomorrow?

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From:

Smith, Brad (ODAG) < RG-1

Sent:

Thursday, December 16, 2010 1:50 PM

To:

Hoover, William J. (ATF) < R

, Michalic, Mark (ODAG)

Subject:

RE: New Microsoft Office Word Document

Thanks, Billy.

From: Hoover, William J. (ATF)

Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 1:48 PM To: Smith, Brad (ODAG), Michalic, Mark (ODAG) Subject: FW: New Microsoft Office Word Document

Brad and Mark.

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Please call if you have any questions.

Billy

William J. Hoover

Deputy Director

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives



From McMahon, William G.

Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 1:25 PM To: Hoover, William J., Chait, Mark R.

Subject: FW: New Microsoft Office Word Document

Billy and Mark,

Attached are the following:

1 One pager regarding the Subject Jaime AVILA Jr. and

Thanks,			
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2 The December briefing paper regarding the Fast and Furious investigation

From:

Michalic, Mark (ODAG) < RC-1

Sent:

Thursday, December 16, 2010 2:37 PM

To:

Hoover, William J. (ATF)

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Subject:

RE: New Microsoft Office Word Document

That would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Mark

From Hoover, William J. (ATF)

Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 2:24 PM To: Smith, Brad (ODAG); Michalic, Mark (ODAG) Subject: Re: New Microsoft Office Word Document

Brad and Mark,

I am going to have these BP's put in a better format for you to provide to the DAG if you choose to. I will get them to you later this afternoon.

Billy

William J. Hoover Deputy Director

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives

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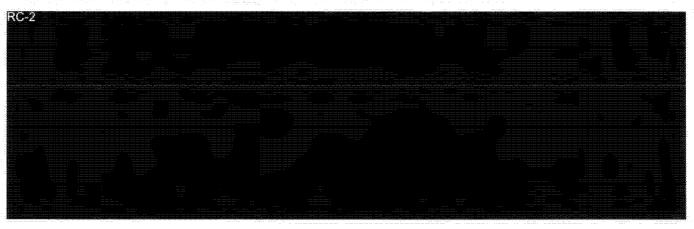
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Mark and I just wanted to pass along a few quick ATF-related updates we received from Billy Hoover. We do not believe anything requires immediate action from our office, but we wanted to make sure you were aware of the issues.



Second, you may recall that a CBP border agent was killed on Tuesday in a firefight in Arizona involving along the Mexican border. Two of the weapons recovered from the scene (AK-47 variants) have been linked to Jaime Avila Jr., a  $\frac{1}{2}$  straw firearms purchaser that ATF and USAO for Arizona have been investigating since November 2009 as part of its larger  $\frac{1}{2}$  Fast and Furious operation. (It is not clear if the shots that killed the CBP agent came from the weapons liked to Avila.) ATF agents, assisted by ICE, USMS, and Phoenix police, arrested Avila on Wednesday for falsification of ATF forms, and in a subsequent interview, he admitted to serving as a straw purchaser. The attached background papers, which ATF prepared, provide additional details on the case, if you are interested.

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Thanks.

Brad

#### **Briefing Paper**

Phoenix Field Division

Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force/Gunrunner)

ATF Investigation 785115-10-0004

Operation: Fast & Furious, OCDETF No. SW-AZP-0496

#### Case Background

The Phoenix Group VII Field Office is leading an investigation entitled "Operation Fast & Furious" in conjunction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Phoenix Police Department (PPD). This operation was approved as an OCDETF case by the Southwest Region as SW-AZP-0496

Since October 2009, ATF and the other partners listed above have been investigating a firearm trafficking organization that is being funded by the Sinaloa drug trafficking organization (DTO), a narcotics trafficking organization well known for violent criminal activity in Mexico. This organization is also involved in trafficking firearms to Mexico, and smuggling cocaine and marijuana into southern Arizona to be distributed throughout the United States. The OCDETF investigation of this organization is addressing violations of Federal Laws to include Firearms, Narcotics, Money Laundering, and Conspiracy Laws.

Agents believe that the Phoenix-based firearm trafficking group is actively purchasing firearms through "straw" purchasers using narcotics proceeds. From October 2009 to October 2010 agents have documented that this organization spent approximately 1.25 million dollars in cash at various Phoenix area Federal Firearms Licensees to acquire in excess of 1,900 firearms. The firearms are then being trafficked into Mexico using false compartments in various vehicles through various international Ports of Entry in Arizona and Texas.

and many other investigative techniques to further the investigation. Through these investigative techniques agents have been able to identify a large number of additional co-conspirators and disrupt the illegal activities of this firearms trafficking organization by seizing numerous firearms and narcotics. To date, over three hundred firearms and over fifty pounds of marijuana have been recovered by agents in addition to the numerous firearms and narcotic seizures in Mexico related to this investigation.

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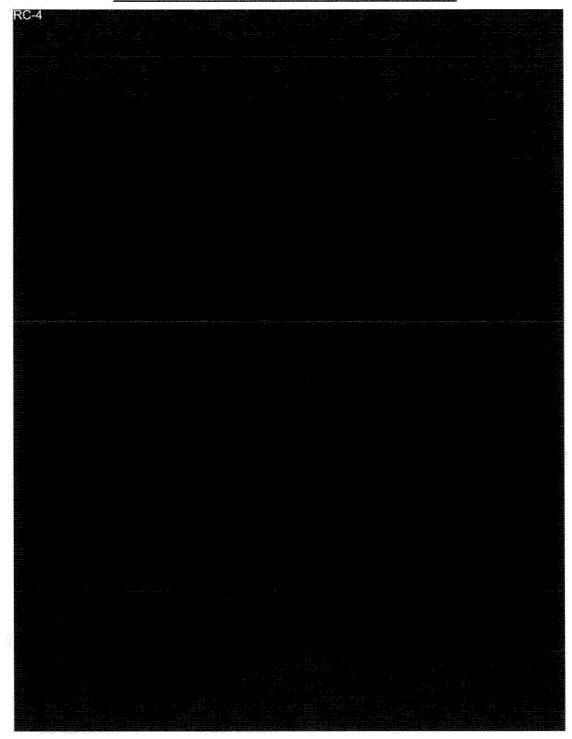
Over the past several weeks agents, in co	njunction with the investigative partners and the United
States Attorney's Office (USAO) have be	een preparing for the indictment of individuals in this
	ed a first wave of indictments on December 7, 2010
However, in light of additional evid	ence obtained in support of this investigation and
pushed back another 30 days. The reaso	e first wave of approximately 20 indictments have been ns for this include the very proactive stance the IRS has
taken during the past several weeks RC-	
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	The additional preparation for the search warrants and ble Grand Jury time, has pushed the indictment date to
the week of January 10, 2011	

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> SAC Newell and ASAC Needles met with USA Burke, Chief of Criminal Cunningham and the lead AUSA for this case and discussed all these matters.

It should be further noted that firearms purchasing and trafficking activity by this organization has subsided significantly since early October of this year. This is due to several factors not the least of which are the many proactive measures taken by the agents assigned to Phoenix Group VII. It should also be noted that throughout the course of the investigation numerous seizures were made by other State, local and Federal law enforcement agencies at the direction of Phoenix Group VII in order to ensure the seized firearms did not reach their intended destination but also to ensure the leadership of this firearms trafficking organization was not "tipped off" to the proactive measures taken while the larger conspiracy case was being prepared for the USAO.

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## List of Defendants Referred to USAO for Prosecution:



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#### Proposed Charges:

- 1 Title 18, United States Code, Section 554, Smuggling Goods from the United States,
- 2 Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(a)(1), Dealing in Firearms without a License,
- 3 Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(a)(5), Transferring Firearms to a Non-Resident of the State;
- 4. Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(a)(6) Making a False Statement in Connection with the Acquisition of a Firearm,
- 5. Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(a)(1)(A) Making a False Statement in Connection with the Acquisition of a Firearm;
- 6. Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(n), Interstate/International Firearms Trafficking,
- 7. Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c) and 924(o). Use of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Offense/Conspiracy to Use a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Offense,
- 8. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, Wire Fraud,
- 9. Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956, Money Laundering,
  - 10. Title 18, United States Code, Section 371, Conspiracy to Commit any Offense Against the United States.
- 11 Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 and 846, Possession/Conspiracy to Possess a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute;
  - 12 Title 21, United States Code, Sections 960 and 963, Import/Conspiracy to Import a Controlled Substance;
  - 13 Title 22, United States Code, Section 2778, Attempt/Export Munitions without a License,
- 14. Title 31, United States Code, Section 5324, Structuring Transactions to Evade Reporting

  Requirements; and
- 15, Title 31, United States Code, Section 5332, Bulk Cash Smuggling,

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#### **Briefing Paper**

Phoenix Field Division

Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force/Gunrunner)

ATF Investigation 785115-10-0004

Operation: Fast & Furious, OCDETF No. SW-AZP-0496

### **Supplemental**

On December 15/16, 2010, after the shooting death of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry near Rio Rico, Arizona (approx 25 miles north of Nogales) Southern Arizona law enforcement officers/agents responded and conducted a search of the area. This search resulted in the arrest of four individuals. One of them, Manuel Osorio Arellances DOB: 8-4-76, was shot in the exchange of gunfire

In addition and during the search of the area two RomArm/Cugir, Model GP WASR 10, 7.62x39mm AK-47 rifles, serial numbers 1983AH3977 and 1971CZ3775 were recovered near the scene of the shooting. An Urgent firearms trace requested by ATF agents on-scene determined that these firearms were in ATF's National Tracing Center's Suspect Gun Database due to their association to an ATF led OCDETF investigation out the Phoenix OCDETF Strike Force. This investigation, entitled "Fast and Furious", due to the very quick manner in which a complex firearms trafficking organization acquired several hundred firearms was initiated in October 2009 and is being conducted in conjunction with ICE/HSI, IRS, DEA and the Phoenix Police Department.

Due to the "hit" in the Suspect Gun Database the Phoenix Field Division's Field Intelligence Group was notified and confirmed that the two recovered firearms were part of a sale of three Romarm/Cugir AK-47 variant rifles purchased by Jaime AVILA Jr. on January 16, 2010 from Lone Wolf Trading Company in Glendale, Arizona Jaime Avila Jr. is one of straw firearms purchasers identified in the "Fast and Furious" investigation and recommended by ATF for prosecution to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Phoenix, Arizona.

Jaime Avila Jr. is known to have purchased a total of 52 firearms beginning in late November 2009 and ending in mid-June 2010. He had purchased 13 firearms by the time he purchased the three AK-47 variant rifles on January 16, 2010, two of which were recovered near Rio Rico, Arizona on December 16th. The 52 firearms purchased by Jaime Avila Jr. included 17 AK-47 variant rifles, 11 Fabrique National "FN57" 5.7x28mm pistols, 10 9mm pistols, 5, 45 and 40 caliber pistols, 2 Barrett, 50 caliber rifles and several other assorted firearms.

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On December 15, 2010, ATF agents, assisted by ICE, the USMS and the Phoenix Police Department located Jaime Avila Jr. and subsequently interviewed and arrested him on charges stemming from his falsifying ATF F 4473s by using a false address during his purchase of four (4) firearms on June 12, 2010, and another four (4) firearms on June 15, 2010. During his interview, Jaime Avila Jr. admitted to ATF agents that he straw purchased these firearms for an unidentified Hispanic male as well as admitted he had used an address of a residence he had not resided in for several years. This was confirmed by interviewing the current residents of the address he used along with verification via utility systems queries.

Jaime Avila Jr. was held overnight and ATF agents have prepared a Federal criminal complaint for him based on violations of Federal firearms laws specifically of Title 18, United State Code, Sections 924(a)(1)(A)

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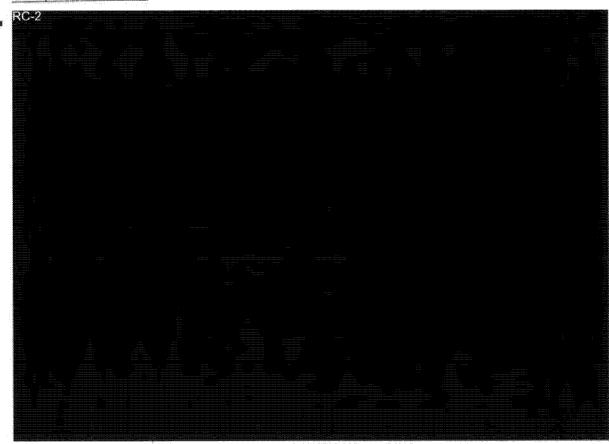
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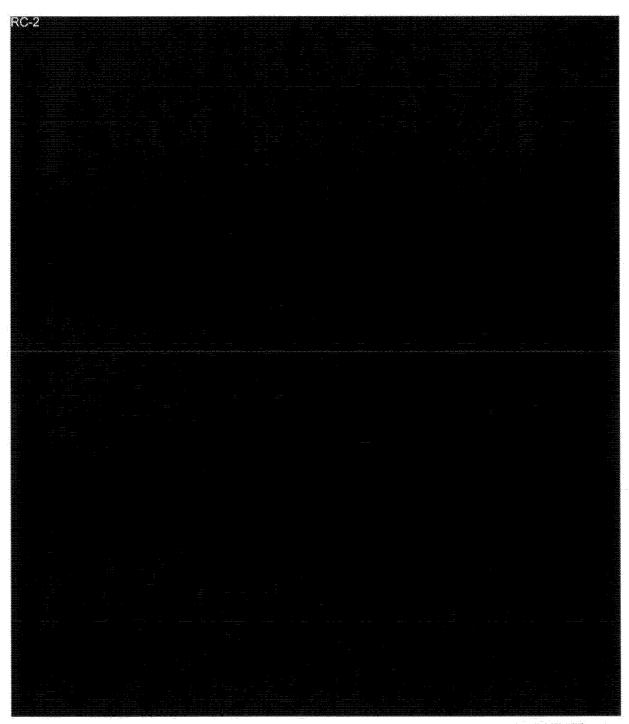
# January 2011

The Phoenix DOMEX Team commenced operations on May 17, 2010. The team currently consists of 6 contract analysts, and one NDIC lead Intelligence Research Specialist (IRS). During the 1st quarter of FY-2011, the team completed 2 missions on DEA Priority Target/OCDETF investigations and 2 additional missions are in process. Each investigation contains a strong financial component with an emphasis on the identification of assets and will require additional missions by Phoenix DOMEX. Further, 6 additional PTO/OCDETF investigations have been approved for DOMEX exploitation and are pending. The following are summaries of completed, in-process, and pending Phoenix DOMEX missions:

#### Completed Missions:



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Strike Force/ OCDETF Operation Fast and Furious; 78511510-0004; X116708PHX (Phase 2); ATF Case Agent Hope MucAllister

This ATF Strike Force OCDETF investigation is focused on the firearm trafficking activities of an international weapon distribution organization based in Arizona. Direct law enforcement

intelligence indicates that this organization is a source of supply for weapons to the Sinaloa Cartel. Information developed by the ATF indicates that over the past year this organization has supplied at least 1,500 firearms to DTOs operating in Mexico. To date, the ATF has identified approximately members and associates of this organization in the Phoenix, AZ area. Phase 2 will involved the analysis of approximately 100 ROIs documenting the purchase of firearms.

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Weinstein, Jason

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Monday, January 03, 2011 7:40 PM

To: Subject: Trusty, James RE: gun trafficking

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From: Trusty, James

Sent: Monday, January 03, 2011 1:34 PM

To: Weinstein, Jason

Subject: RE: gun-trafficking

I think it makes sense, although I'm a little nervous about how I staff these cases. We're going to have some good gun trafficking stories very soon, with the AZ cases (including the eventual takedown of Fast and Furious) and the RC-2 case, in particular. If we can get the RC-2 charged soon (I'm looking into that) we'd have another big chunk of gun trafficking offenses.

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Jim

From: Weinstein, Jason

Sent: Monday, January 03, 2011 12:53 PM

**To:** Trusty, James **Subject:** gun trafficking

Hey – Lanny asked us to think about ways we can contribute to fighting violent crime in some of the cities identified in the most recent UCR data as having the biggest increase in murders and gun crime, beyond the things we already do. I'll send you the data, but beyond big cities that would never want or accept help (NY, Chicago), there are some where we may be able to help, such as Minneapolis, Madison, WI, Washington, DC, Sacramento, etc.

In any event, I thought we might be able to do two things without a tremendous drain on resources:

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We could start with one or two market cities as a pilot, and then go from there if it bears fruit. What do you think?

JW

Jason M. Weinstein
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20530

Office: RC-1 Cell: RC-1

#### RC-1

From:

Trusty, James

Sent:

Tuesday, January 04, 2011 5, 13 PM

To:

Raman, Mythili

Subject:

Re. Phoenix gun trafficking press release.

Fast and Furious is used but they've consulted with Laura and I'm trying to wriggle her in to the case. I don't want to misspeak on the other answers so let me doublecheck

From: Raman, Mythili

To: Trusty, James; Weinstein, Jason Sent: Tue Jan 04 17:08:42 2011

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

How did the summons get issued? How many defendants were served?

Is the Fast and Furious case ours or USAOs?

From: Trusty, James

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 4:38 PM To: Weinstein, Jason; Raman, Mythili

Subject: FW: Phoenix our trafficking press release

To our mild surprise, some defendants in Laura Gwinn's recent indictment have been served with summons to appear in Phoenix tomorrow. This effectively ends the sealing we did on our indictment to allow its unsealing when Fast and Furious comes down. That case is apparently set for indictment 1/19, by the way. I don't think it will have any operational significance for L&F (no flight/obstruction issues stemming from our unsealing).

Call me if you have questions or concerns, but Laura Sweeney wanted me to get in touch with you two-

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From: Sweeney, Laura (SMO) [mailto RC-1

Sent: Toesday, January 04, 2011 4:24 PM

To: Trusty, James

Subject: FW: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

I think we need to let Jason and Mythili know this may be happening tomorrow - do you want to shoot them an email?

From: Gwinn, Laura (CRM)

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 4:02 PM To: Trusty, James (CRM); Sweeney, Laura (SMO) Cc: Jaffe, David (CFM); Finelli, Alisa (SMO)

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release



From: Trusty, James

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 1:52 PM To: Gwinn, Laura; Sweeney, Laura (SMO) Cc: Jaffe, David; 'Finelli, Alisa (SMO)'

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

You know the procedural history of your case considerably better than me or laffe – why don't you touch base with Patrick and let him know what is transpiring. If he wants to talk about anything on your case or F&F, tell him I am happy to chat (in fact, tell him I'm planning on calling him this week either way)

From: Gwinn, Laura

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 1:47 PM To: Trusty, James; Sweeney, Laura (SMO) Cc: Jaffe, David; 'Finelli, Alisa (SMO)'

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

That's what I am thinking. Should you or Jaffe touch base with Patrick Cunningham about the change in plan? Or maybe we could just proceed RC-2 and still do the press release at the same time as F&F?

From: Trusty, James

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 1:35 PM To: Gwinn, Laura; Sweeney, Laura (SMO) Cc: Jaffe, David; 'Finelli, Alisa (SMO)'

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

#### RC-2

From: Gwinn, Laura.

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 1:34 PM To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Trusty, James Cc: Jaffe, David; Finelli, Alisa (SMO)

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

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From: Sweeney, Laura (SMO) [mailto RC-1] Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 1:32 PM

To: Gwinn, Laura; Trusty, James Cc: Jaffe, David; Finelli, Alisa (SMO)

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

#### RC-2

From: Gwinn, Laura (CRM)

Sent: Tuesday, January D4, 2011 1:27 PM
To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Trusty, James (CRH)
Cc: Jaffe, David (CRM); Finelli, Alisa (SMO)

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

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From: Sweeney, Laura (SMO) [mailto RC-1 Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011-12:08 PM

To: Gwinn, Laura; Trusty, James Cc: Jaffe, David; Finelli, Alisa (SMO)

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

Hi Laura - any word from Phoenix?

From: Gwinn, Laura (CRM)

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2010 11:26 AM
To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Trusty, James (CRM)
Cc: Jaffe, David (CRM); Finelli, Alisa (SMO)
Subject: Re: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

I haven't heard anything from Phx on Fast in Furious timing. Will tru to remember to email them next week (when I get

back from vacation) Sent from Blackberry Laura Gwinn

US Dept of Justice Gang Unit

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From: Sweeney, Laura (SMO) 4<sup>RC-1</sup>
To: Trusty, James; Gwinn, Laura

Cc: Jaffe, David; Finelli, Alisa (SMO) <

Sent: Thu Dec 30 11:21:51 2010

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

Any more updates on liming for this?

From: Trusty, James (CRM)

Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 5:08 PM To: Gwinn, Laura (CRM); Sweeney, Laura (SMO)

Cc: Jaffe, David (CRM)

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

That's the Fast and Furious case, that has been "poised for indictment" for some time now, but hopefully they'll truly get to the finish line next month.

From: Gwinn, Laura

Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 5:07 PM

To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO)
Cc: Jaffe, David; Trusty, James

Subject: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

Laura

Phy USAC is going to be doing a HUGE gun frafficking indictment, perhaps near end of Jan, and they wanted to combine any press on mine with that one, since they are tangentially related. Supposedly the AG will be coming out for that big indictment. I will still send you the basics alla the

template you sent back to me. But there will need to be coordination with the press office here in Phx. or however, you do it.

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From:

Gwinn, Laura

Sent:

Tuesday, January 04, 2011 5:18 PM

To:

Trusty, James

Subject:

RE. Phoenix gun trafficking press release

RC-2

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Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 4:38 PM To: Weinstein, Jason; Raman, Mythili

Subject: FW: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

To our mild surprise, some defendants in Laura Gwinn's recent indictment have been served with summons to appear in Phoenix tomorrow. This effectively ends the sealing we did on our indictment to allow its unsealing when Fast and Funous comes down. That case is apparently set for indictment 1/19, by the way. I don't think it will have any operational significance for F&F (no flight/obstruction issues stemming from our unsealing)

Call me if you have questions or concerns, but Laura Sweeney wanted me to get in touch with you two.

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From: Sweeney, Laura (SMO) [mailto RC-1

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 4:24 PM

To: Trusty, James

Subject: FW: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

I think we need to let Jason and Mythili know this may be happening tomorrow - do you want to shoot them an email?

From: Gwinn, Laura (CRN)

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011-4:02 PM

To: Trusty, James (CRM); Sweeney, Laura (SMO) Cc: Jaffe, David (CRM); Finelli, Alisa (SMO)

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release



From: Trusty, James

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 1:52 PM To: Gwinn, Laura; Sweeney, Laura (SMO) Cc: Jaffe, David; 'Finelli, Alisa (SMO)'

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

You know the procedural history of your case considerably better than me or Jaffe – why don't you touch base with Patrick and let him know what is transpiring. If he wants to talk about anything on your case or F&F, tell him i am happy to chat (in fact, tell him i'm planning on calling him this week either way)

From: Gwinn, Laura

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 1:47 PM To: Trusty, James; Sweeney, Laura (SMO) Cc: Jaffe, David; 'Finelli, Alisa (SMO)'

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

That's what I am thinking. Should you or Jaffe touch base with Patrick Cunningham about the change in plan? Or maybe we could just proceed RC-2 and still do the press release at the same time as F&F?

From: Trusty, James

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 1:35 PM To: Gwinn, Laura, Sweeney, Laura (SMO) Cc: Jaffe, David; 'Finelli, Alisa (SMO)'

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

#### RC-2

From: Gwinn, Laura

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 1:34 PM To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Trusty, James Cc: Jaffe, David, Finelli, Alisa (SMO)

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

#### RC-2

From: Sweeney, Laura (SMO) [mailto: RC-1 Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 1:32 PM

To: Gwinn, Laura; Trusty, James

Cc: Jaffe, David; Finelli, Alisa (SMO)

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

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From: Gwinn, Laura (CRM)

Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 1:27 PM
To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Trusty, James (CRM)
Cc: Jaffe, David (CRM); Fineili, Alisa (SMO).
Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

Projected indictment of Jan 19



From: Sweeney, Laura (SMO) [mailto RC-1 Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 12:08 PM

To: Gwinn, Laura; Trusty, James Cc: Jaffe, David; Finelli, Alisa (SMO)

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

Hi Laura - any word from Phoenix?

From: Gwinn, Laura (CRM)

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2010 11:26 AM
To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Trusty, James (CRM)
Cc: Jaffe, David (CRM); Finelli, Alisa (SMO)
Subject: Re: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

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I haven't heard anything from Phx on Fast n Furious liming. Will tru to remember to email them next week (when I get

back from vacation) Sent from Blackberry Laura Gwinn

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From: Sweeney, Laura (SMO) < RC-1

To: Trusty, James; Gwinn, Laura Cc: Jaffe, David; Finelli, Alisa (SMO) <

Sent: Thu Dec 30 11:21:51 2010

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

Any more updates on timing for this?

From: Trusty, James (CRM)

Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 5:08 PM
To: Gwinn, Laura (CRM); Sweeney, Laura (SMO)

Cc: Jaffe, David (CRM)

Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

That's the Fast and Furious case, that has been "possed for indictment" for some time now, but hopefully they ill truly get to the fresh line next month.

From: Gwinn, Laura

Sent: Tuesday, December 21, 2010 5:07 PM

To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO)

Cc: Jaffe, David; Trusty, James

Subject: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

Laura

Phx USAO is going to be doing a HUGE gun trafficking indictment, perhaps near end of Jan, and they wanted to combine any press on mine with that one, since they are tangentially related. Supposedly the AG will be coming out for that big indictment. I will still send you the basics ala the RC-2 template you sent back to me. But there will need to be coordination with the press office here in Phx, or however you do it.

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Trusty, James From:

Wednesday, January 19, 2011 1 43 PM Sent:

Lune, Adam To:

RE meeting with RC-1 Subject: SWB DAG TPs 1 18 11 rev wpg Attachments:

Some TPs for the DAG meeting – Jason said to forward. Call me when you have a second RC-

From: Lurie, Adam

Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2011 8:22 PM

To: Weinstein, Jason Cc: Trusty, James

Subject: Re: meeting with RC-1

Good idea. If there are any matters in particular that you would like him to brag about, please send it my way.

From: Weinstein, Jason

To: Lurie, Adam Cc: Trusty, James

Sent: Wed Jan 12 20:08:38 2011 Subject: RE: meeting with RC-1

There isn't really any single document I can think of, although you can get a good overview from the press releases on the gang unit's web page. CC'ing Jim to see if he has other ideas.

From: Lurie, Adam

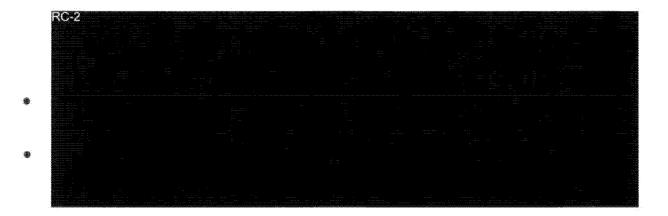
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2011 5:50 PM

To: Weinstein, Jason

Subject: meeting with

Jason,

Lanny will be meeting with RC-1 possibly next week, who has shown interest in gang prosecutions, and there is a possibility that RC-11 may ask about CRM's gang work. Any chance you can point me to a resource from which I can pull some CRM "successes"?



Arizona Gun Trafficking

 The Gang Unit is working closely with the USAO in Arizona on a number of gun trafficking cases, including the following:



On Oct. 27th, we indicted 8 defendants under scal on for trafficking 228 firearms to Mexico. The scaling will likely last until such time as the Phoenix-based "Operation Fast and Furious" is ready for takedown. That investigation has spanned CC-3 and likely involved thousands of firearms. Fast and Furious indictment is set for Jan. 19th.





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