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From: Cooley, Joseph
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 1:06 PM
To: Hurley, Emory (USAAZ)
Subject: FW: Firearms Investigation

Emory,

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

JAC

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From: Gillett, George T., Jr. (mailto:RC-1)
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 Fast and Furious." This is an approved OCDEF 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 hesitate to contact me if you have further questions/concerns.

George T. Gillett
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
ATF Phoenix Field Division
Office: RC-1

From: Cooley, Joseph (mailto:RC-1)
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 10:43 AM
To: Gillett, George T., Jr.; Voth, David J.
Cc: O'Keefe, Kevin C.
Subject: Firearms Investigation

Carla...

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DOJ-FF-60972

At the request of AFI 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 I am now available to provide any assistance needed. I understand that the case agent working out the Phoenix Office is Hopa McAllister. I could not find her in the email directory. Please have her contact me at her earliest convenience.

JAC

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From: Carwile, 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
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U.S. Department of Justice

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March 4, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jason M. Weinstein, DAAG
Mythili Raman, Principal DAAG/Chief of Staff
Steven E. Fagell, Deputy Chief of Staff

FROM: P. Kevin Carwile, Chief, Gang Unit

SUBJECT: Gang Unit Update for March 4, 2010

I. Significant Accomplishments of the Past Week:

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II. Urgent Litigation Matters or Major Initiatives Requiring Attention in the Next Week or Two, Including Significant Litigation Matters That Have Upcoming Court Deadlines in the Next Week or Two:

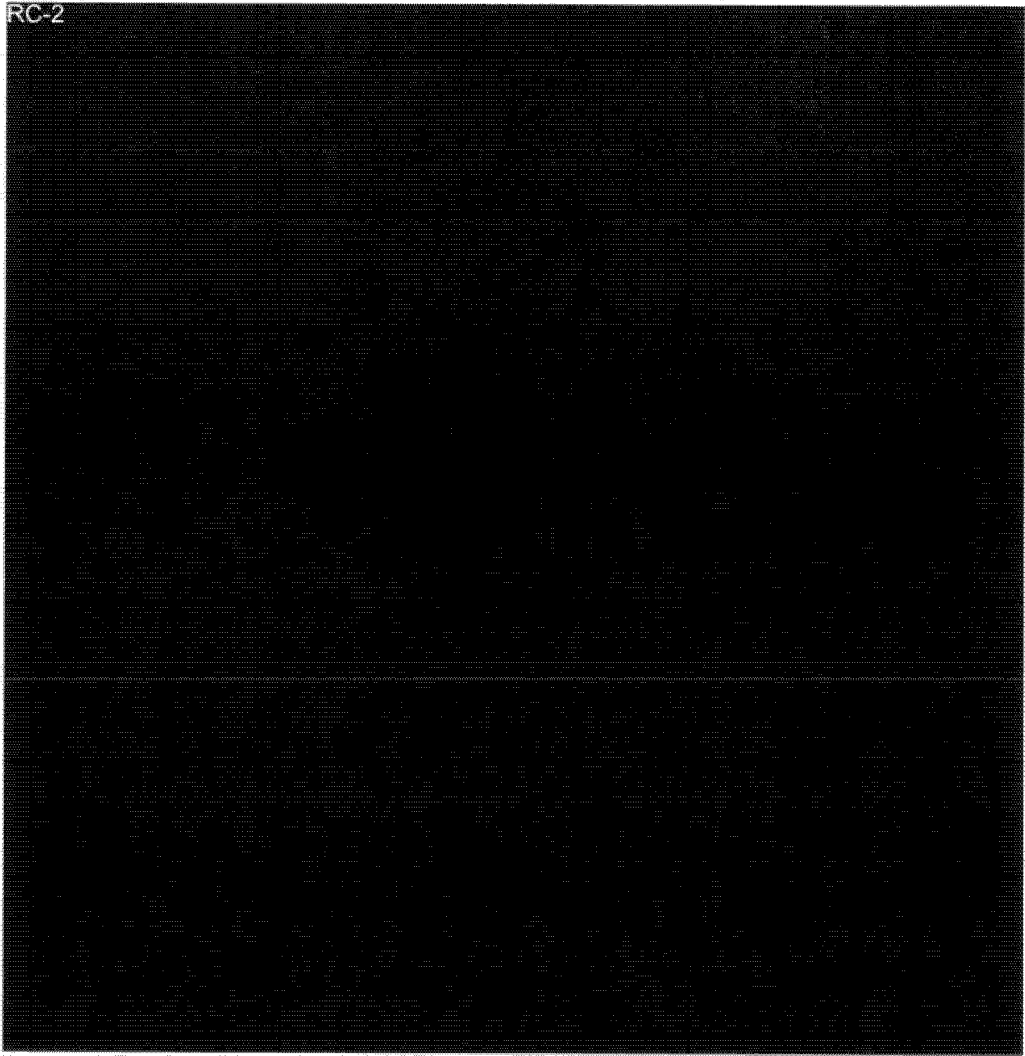
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• **Southwest Border Firearms Initiative:** On March 1, GU met with ATF HQ to be briefed on developments in Operation *Fast and Furious* and various firearms trafficking investigations based in Phoenix, AZ. RC-2

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From: Cooley, Joseph
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 5:56 PM
To: O'Keefe, Kevin C. (ATF)
Subject: RE: Debriefing at ATF Tomorrow

Will do. Thanks.

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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

Joe - my apologies for not reaching out to you personally on this, running in circles. I realize our Phoenix guys 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 2 pm. Give me a buzz when you get here and I'll get you up to our 7th Floor Conf Room. See you tomorrow.

Kevin O'Keefe
Chief Criminal Intel Div

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From: Cooley, Joseph [mailto:RC-1]
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 5:07 PM
To: O'Keefe, Kevin C.
Subject: Debriefing at ATF Tomorrow

Kevin,

I spoke with Dave Voith who indicated that he was giving a briefing tomorrow on Operation Past and Furious. He and George Gillett suggested that I attend. I wanted to run this past you to make sure it was okay. I believe it was set for 2 pm.

JAC

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DOJ-FF-60977

3/5/10

Bringing @ ATF

East + Tannins A2

→ 1006

1000 guns since 9/09

Shawn Stewart

(pardon and all that)

2000 → or new guns since

241

2049, —

11/20/09

→ women in MX

41 firearms seized

12/03/09 Nopaling, A2

4 firearms

of ammo

12/09/09 Douglas, A2 - 7

Shawn Stewart

12/9/09

Mexicali, Baja Cal
12 tons of money (pair)
(warehouse)

41 guns seized

12/18/09

Myrna, Baja

12/21/09 Phoenix, AZ

1/8/10

1/13/10 El Paso
again

Behind the
Acosta
Stewart trap
to El Paso

person in study down connected
w/ sandbagging crew

2/21/10 Luba, AZ

Op Wide Receiver → Laura
Gowan

→ Start House

two firearms

(Epic provided GPS)

2/25/10

Pignone Bags

→ all AKs converted to
full auto

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From: Cooley, Joseph
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 5:34 PM
To: Reeves, Bryan N.
Subject: RE: Southwest Border Firearms Initiative

+ Southwest Border Firearms Initiative: RC-2
RC-2 On March 5, GU attended a debriefing on the developments in Operation *Fast and Furious*, an extensive firearms trafficking investigation based in Phoenix, AZ. The ATF Dallas and Houston field offices participated via teleconferencing. RC-3
RC-3 (J. Cooley)

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From: Reeves, Bryan N.
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 5:17 PM
To: Cooley, Joseph
Subject: Southwest Border Firearms Initiative

Please update and send back.

• 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
RC-2 (J. Cooley)

Sincerely,

Bryan M. Reeves
United States Department of Justice
Criminal Division, Gang Unit
Telephone: RC-1
BlackBerry: [REDACTED]

From: Reeves, Bryan N.
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 5:07 PM
To: Cooley, Joseph
Subject: weekly update due...

HOCR DOJ 002810


DOJ-FF-60981

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

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Sincerely,

Bryan N. Reeves
United States Department of Justice
Criminal Division, Gang Unit
Telephone: RC-1
BlackBerry: 

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From: Michalic, Vivian B.
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 5:46 PM
To: Hoover, William J.; Nelson, Kenneth E.
Subject: Agenda for the DAG Meeting

Below is the proposed agenda for this Friday's meeting with the DAG.

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Agenda for ATF and ODAG Meeting, March 12, 2010

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✓ Phoenix Case - Update on a significant firearms trafficking case

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Vivian B. Michalic
Chief of Staff
Office of the Director, ATF

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*D Operation Fast-Eunuchs - demand letter for multistate sales on long guns
already vetted through SWB strategic group*

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From: Carwile, Kevin
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2010 5:46 PM
To: Weinstein, Jason; Raman, Mythili; Fagell, Steven
Cc: Trusty, James
Subject: weekly report
Attachments: Gang Unit Update_3.11.10.docx

See attached

P. Kevin Carwile
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March 11, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jason M. Weinstein, DAAG
Mythili Raman, Principal DAAG/Chief of Staff
Steven E. Fageil, Deputy Chief of Staff

FROM: P. Kevin Carwile, Chief, Gang Unit

SUBJECT: Gang Unit Update for March 11, 2010

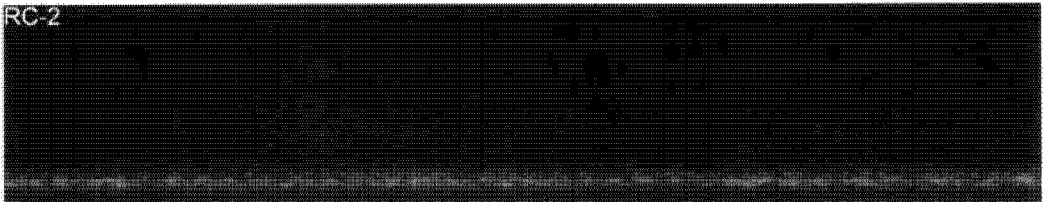
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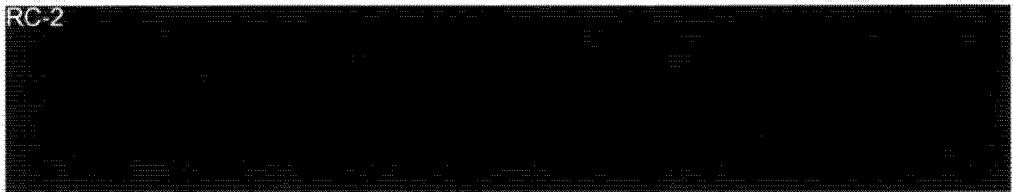
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III. Expected Major Legislative or Policy Developments in Next Week or Two:

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IV. Significant Developments or Deadlines in Interagency Process:

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V. Significant Speeches or Public Events:

N/A

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

- Southwest Border Firearms Initiative: RC-2

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(J. Cooley)

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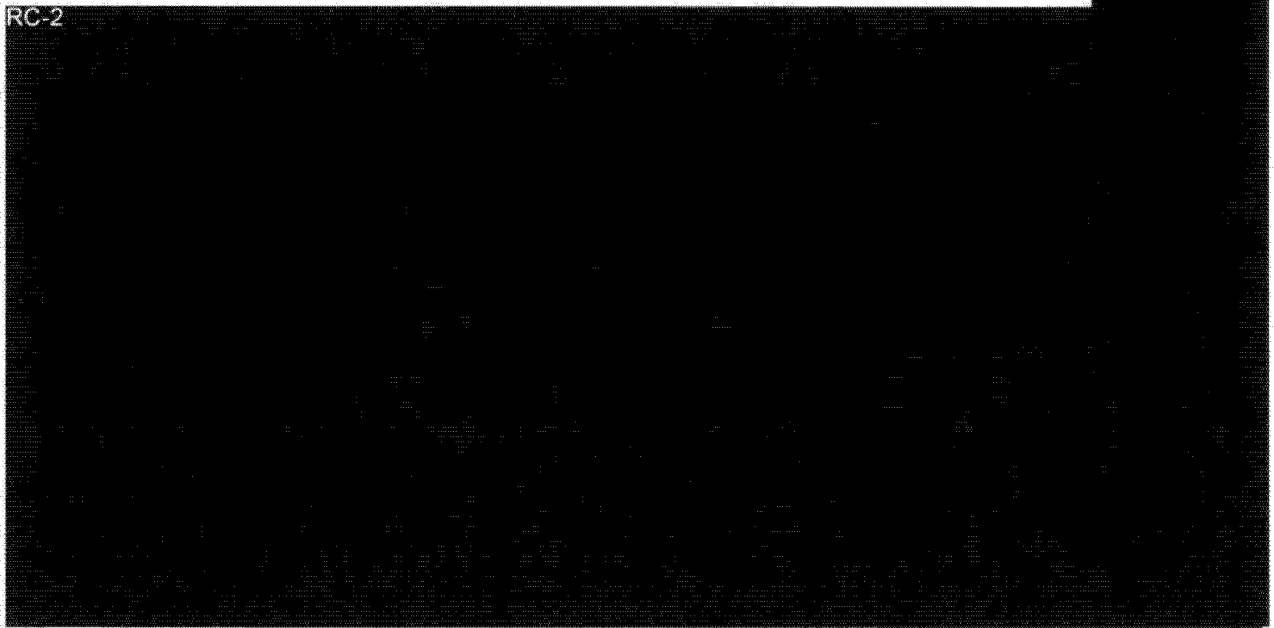
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ATF Monthly Meeting
with the Acting Deputy Attorney General
Friday, March 12, 2010

AGENDA



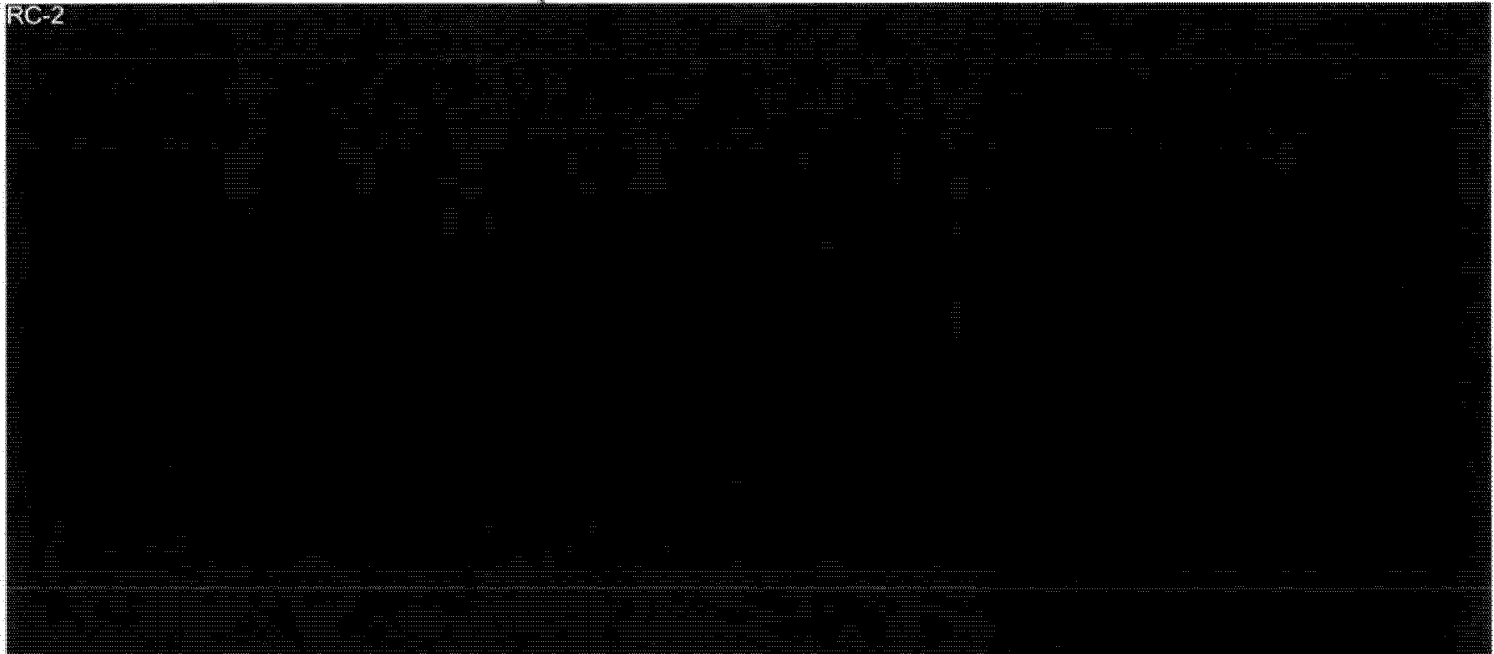
4. Phoenix Case - Update on a significant firearms trafficking case



ATF Monthly Meeting

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3. Operation The Fast

Previous
Drafts

long vibs. multiple
role issues

~~Process~~



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seizure in Mexico
take 1 as predicate
to case in US
later to cartel

COCAINE STRIKE FORCE

Primary - Phoenix WAO

(A)

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OPERATION THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS



HQGR DOJ 002819

Note: Two pages have been withheld from this seven page document because they included sensitive investigative details and information about targets/subjects.

**Total Firearms
Purchased as of
Feb 27, 2010
785115-10-0004**

Potino	Uziel	313
Stevard	Sean	241
Moore	Joshua	116
Chambers	Jacob	68
Celis	Alfredo	58
Montgomery	Delant	30
RC-4		
Montenegro	Jacob	28
Avila	James	27
RC-4		
Palanco	Jose	3
RC-4		
Celis-Antona	Manuel	1
RC-4		
TOTAL		1026

All Cash
 Victoria Vandy
 only

PURCHASE SUMMARY	NAME	AMOUNT	TOTAL	DATE
RC-4				
RC-4	Johns & Sons	31,085.00	13,017.64	
RC-4				
RC-4	Alltech Cells	30,520.75	33,323.13	
RC-4	Jacob's Gun Store	16,541.78	30,313.08	
RC-4				
RC-4	John's Hardware	48,738.80	29,728.94	
RC-4				
RC-4	Alcove Mounted Gun Co	7,444.37	7,336.22	
RC-4	Robert Moore	14,861.45	14,528.68	
RC-4				
RC-4	Mid Pacific	206,100.45	213,793.87	
RC-4				
RC-4	John's Hardware	1,170.16	1,331.02	
RC-4	John's Hardware	14,528.68	14,528.68	
RC-4				
TOTAL PURCHASES		1,018,380.81	1,018,380.81	

Total Cost of
 Firearms
 Purchased as of
 Feb 27, 2010
 785115-10-0004

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From: Cooley, Joseph
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 8:13 AM
To: Carwile, Kevin
Subject: Re: Important

Op Fast and Furious (many of the straw purchasers are members of a car club).
Joseph A. Cooley
Gang Unit, DOJ
Cell: RC-1

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 Joe. 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
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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 ATF case agents.

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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: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 10:47 AM
To: Weinstein, Jason
Subject: talking points
Attachments: FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TALKING POINTS - 031610.doc

Here is a quick page of talking points. You did not describe the intended audience. The two operations are pre-indictment so the info on these matters would need to be kept internal. See attached.

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

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FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TALKING POINTS

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- Through an ongoing partnership, Gang Unit and ATF are developing strategies and pursuing joint operational opportunities targeting firearms trafficking organizations, as well as Mexican drug trafficking organizations possessing and using U.S.-sourced firearms. Two examples of this collaboration are the following:
 - *Operation Fast & Furious* is an extensive firearms trafficking investigation involving ATF's Phoenix, Houston, and Dallas field offices. Gang Unit is closely assisting in advising the ongoing investigation and prosecuting cases derived from this investigation. One such case in S.D. Texas involves the recovery of approximately 550 weapons during two seizures in 2008 in Mexican border towns. Both caches of weapons are believed to be affiliated with the Gulf Coast Cartel DTO. ATF has successfully traced at least 300 of these weapons to straw purchases in Texas.

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From: Weinstein, Jason
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 11:04 AM
To: Carwile, Kevin; Pope, Amy
Subject: FW: talking points
Attachments: FIREARMS TRAFFICKING TALKING POINTS - 031610.doc

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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To: Weinstein, Jason
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Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 8:49 PM
To: Carwile, Kevin
Subject: RE: Reminder

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

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To: Weinstein, Jason
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Rodriguez, Mary

From: Carwile, Kevin
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 9:12 PM
To: Weinstein, Jason
Subject: 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.

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

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To: Carwile, Kevin
Sent: Tue Mar 16 20:49:03 2010
Subject: RE: Reminder...

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Attorney General
The Acting Deputy Attorney General

FROM: Lanny A. Breuer
Assistant Attorney General

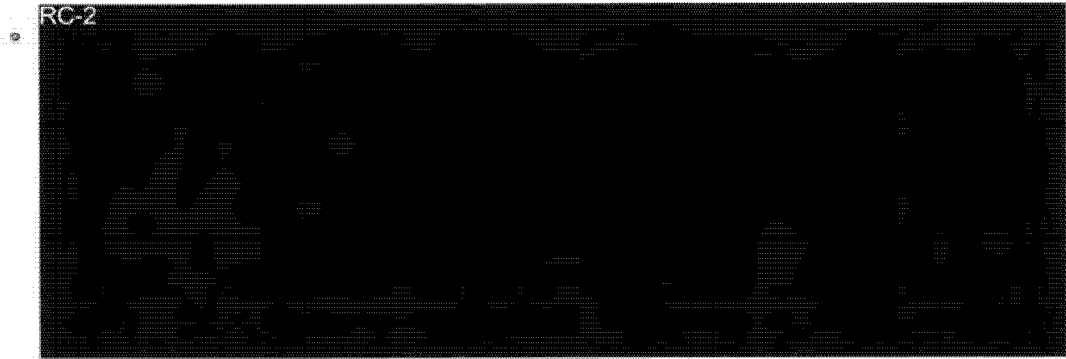
DATE: Week of October 18, 2010

RE: Weekly Report

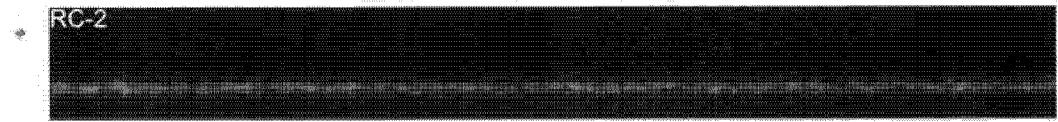
I. SIGNIFICANT UPCOMING EVENTS

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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From: Larson, Brian (USAAZ) RC-1
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 7:59 PM
To: Carwile, Kevin
Cc: Morrissey, Mike (USAAZ)
Subject: RE: firearms cases/Mexico

Kevin,

This is a go. She can begin working with Emory Hurley on the RC-3 and take the lead on the Meza case. Emory will continue on both for our office. She has Emory's contact information. Emory and his Section Chief will be sending an e-mail 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. I am copying him.

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

BGL

From: Carwile, Kevin (CRM)
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 12:01 PM
To: Larson, Brian (USAAZ)
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: Carwile, 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 Hurley on the two ATF cases he has right now (current RC-3 case and the Pennsylvania 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 atty and would keep an eye out for any other good cases to work jointly.

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

Brian,
Any progress in identifying specific cases for Laura Gwinn to help staff along with AUSA's?

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

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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:

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2) SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

Recovery of twenty (20) AK-47 style firearms.

NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

HOGR DOJ 002838

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 alerted on the \$11,000.00 cash as being positive for the presence of narcotics residue.

Billy

William J. Hoover
Executive Assistant Director
O) RC-1

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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

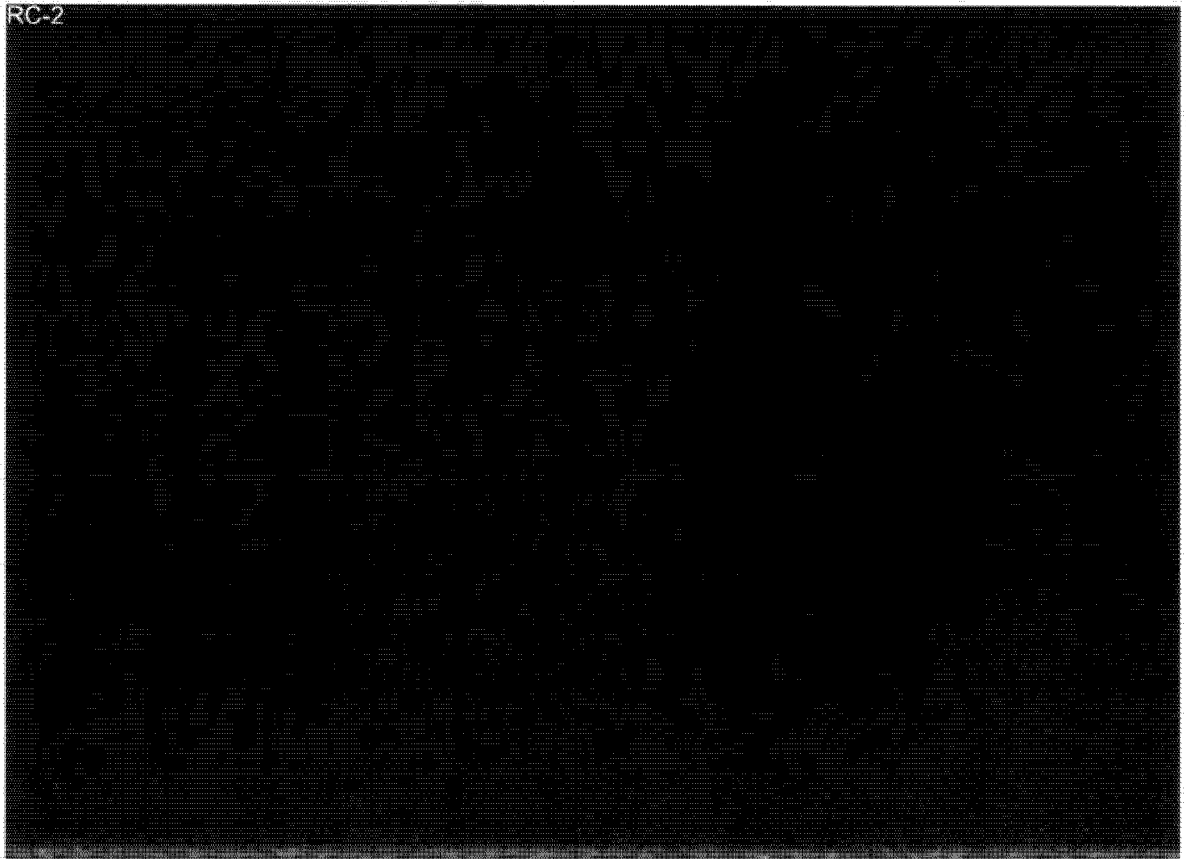
THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Michael F. Walther
Director
National Drug Intelligence Center

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT FOR JULY 5 THROUGH JULY 9, 2010

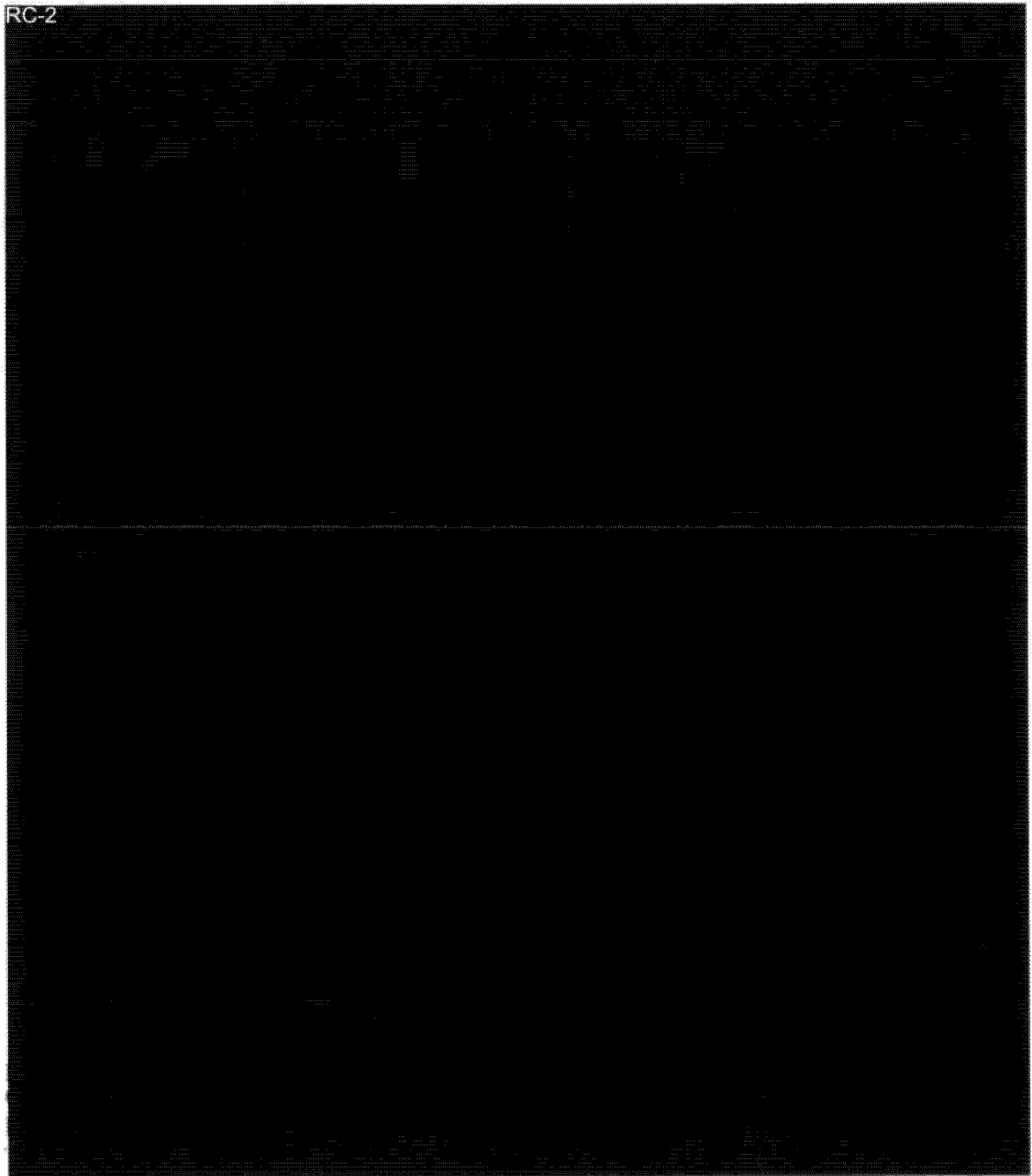
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DATE: July 12, 2010

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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

The National Drug Intelligence Center weekly report for July 12 through July 16 is as follows:

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Memorandum to the Attorney General from Michael F. Wither dated July 12, 2010
Subject: Weekly Report from July 12 through July 16, 2010

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From: Siskel, Edward N. (ODAG)
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 6:38 PM
To: Chait, Mark R. (ATF)
Cc: 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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From: Significant Activity Report
To: SAR/SIR Message Delivery
Sent: Tue Jul 13 18:55:16 2010
Subject: FW: SIR

From: Voith, David J.
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2010 6:54:52 PM
To: Needles, James R.; Newell, William D.; Voith, David J.;
Significant Activity Report
Subject: SIR
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE - BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES
SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: July 13, 2010
FROM: Phoenix Field Division
FIELD OFFICE: Phoenix VII Field Office

CASE INFORMATION

CASE NUMBER: 785-115-10-0004
CASE TITLE: CHAMBERS, Jacoby, et al

HOCR DOJ 002847

SPECIAL AGENT Voth, David
TELEPHONE NUMBER: RC-1

SYNOPSIS OF INCIDENT/ACTIVITY:

Recovery of 20 - 7.62 rifles as part of ongoing 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 RC-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 ¼ 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/CUGR, 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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DATE: July 19, 2010

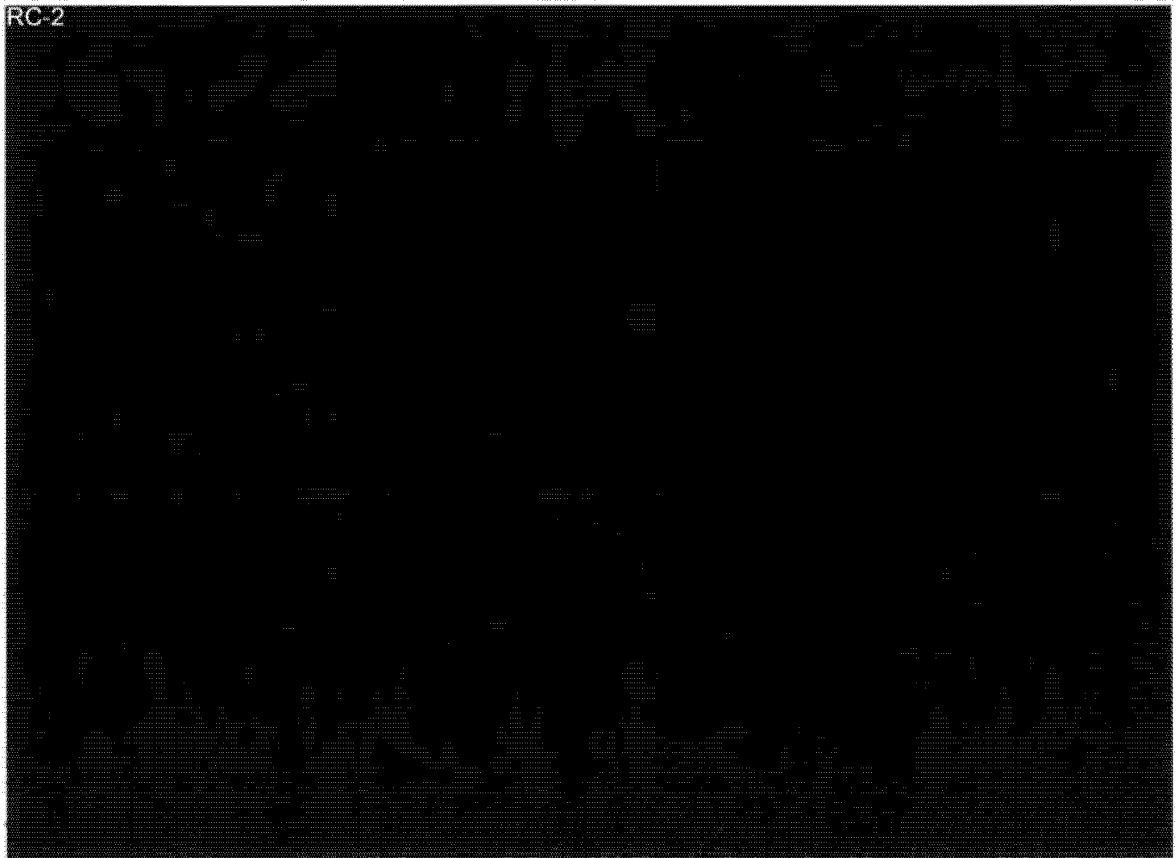
MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Michael F. Walther
Director
National Drug Intelligence Center

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT FOR JULY 19 THROUGH JULY 23, 2010

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Subject: Weekly Report from July 19 through July 23, 2010

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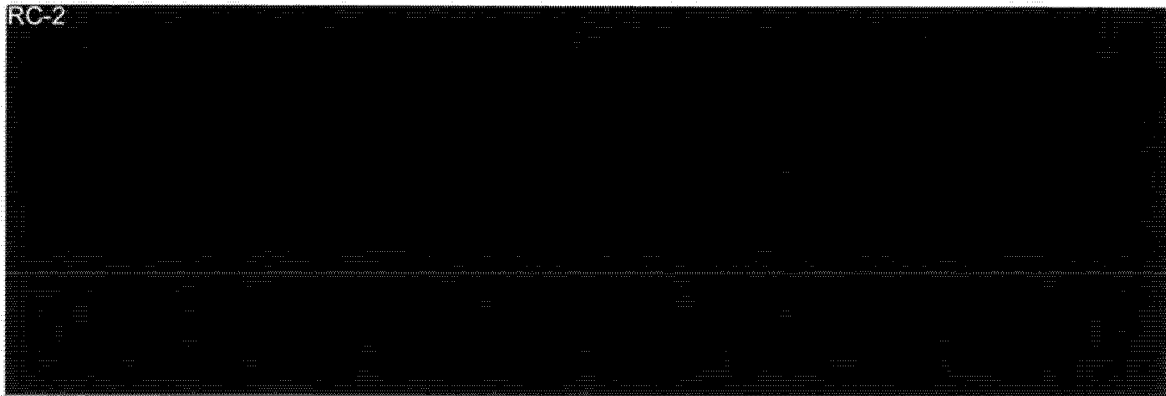


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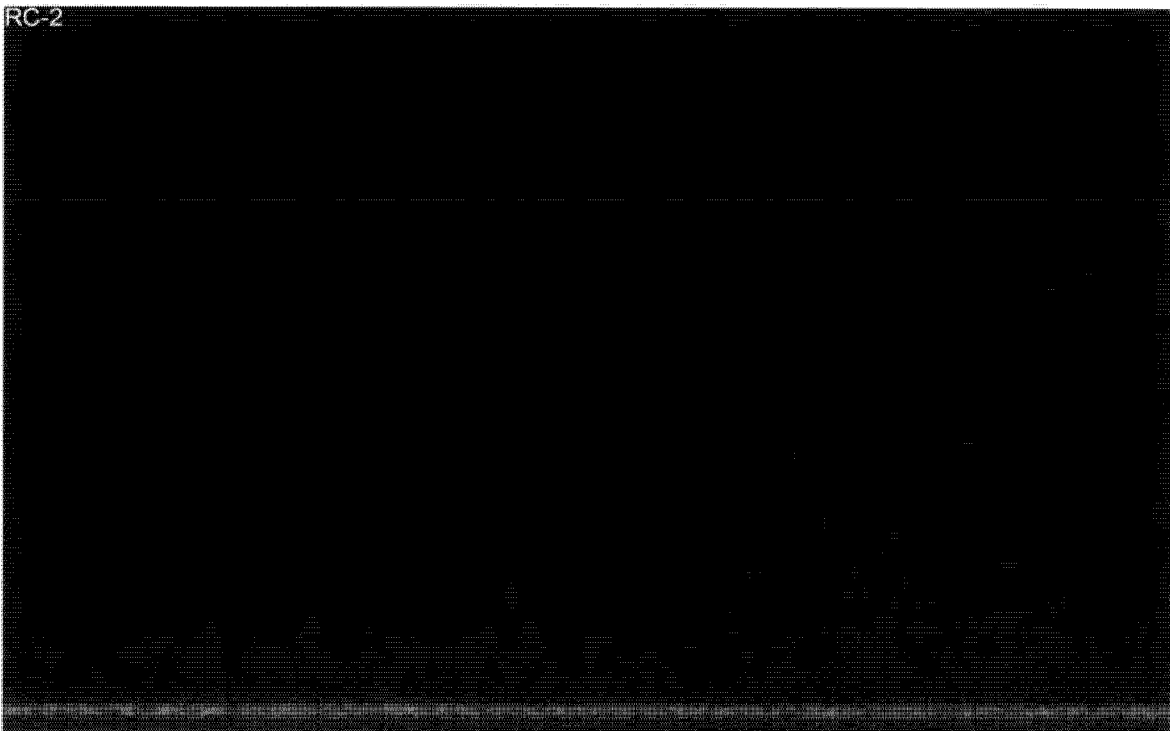
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DATE: July 26, 2010

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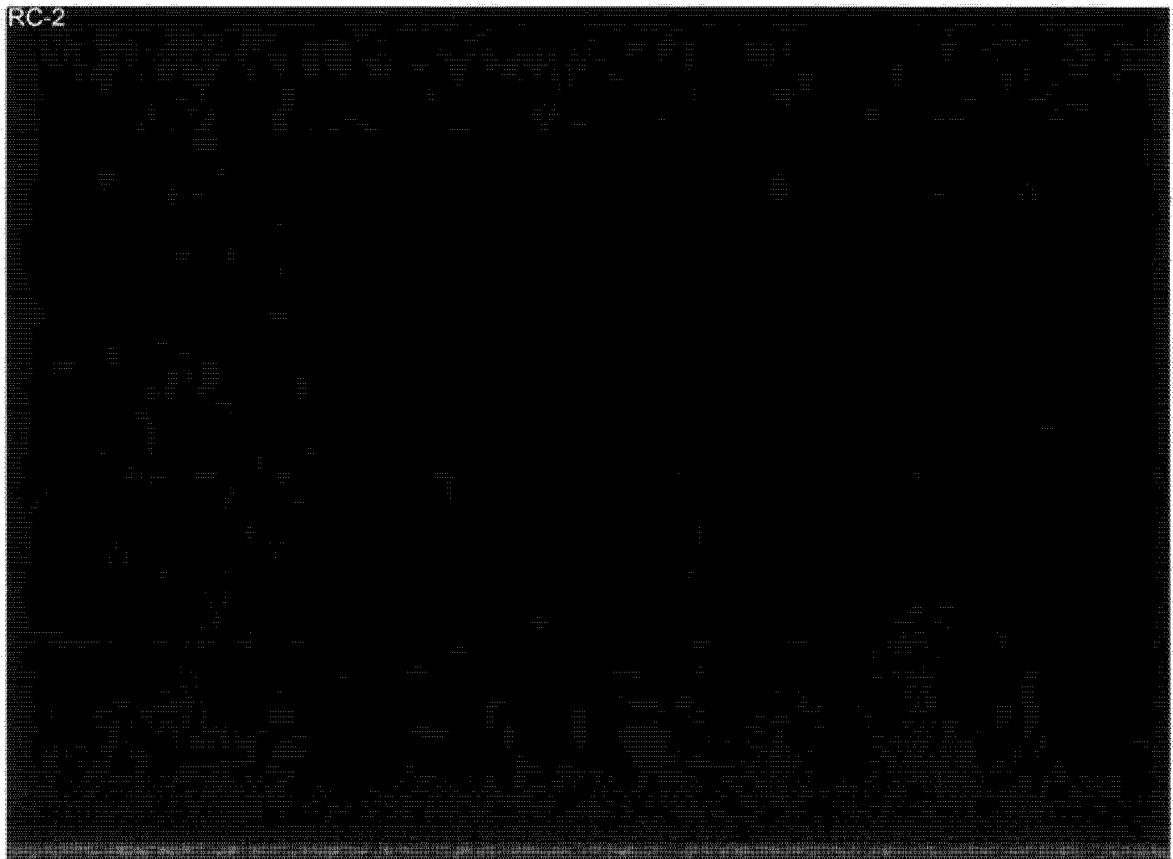
THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Michael F. Walther
Director
National Drug Intelligence Center

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT FOR JULY 26 THROUGH JULY 30, 2010

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Subject: Weekly Report from July 26 through July 30, 2010

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From August 2 through August 6, the National Drug Intelligence Center Document and Media Exploitation Team at the Phoenix Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Strike Force will support the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives' Phoenix Field Division with its investigation of Manuel Celis-Acosta as part of OCDETF Operation Fast and the Furious. This investigation, initiated in September 2009 in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Phoenix Police Department, involves a Phoenix-based firearms trafficking ring headed by Manuel Celis-Acosta. Celis-Acosta and RC-2 straw purchasers are responsible for the purchase of 1,500 firearms that were then supplied to Mexican drug trafficking cartels. They also have direct ties to the Sinaloa Cartel which is suspected of providing \$1 million for the purchase of firearms in the greater Phoenix area.

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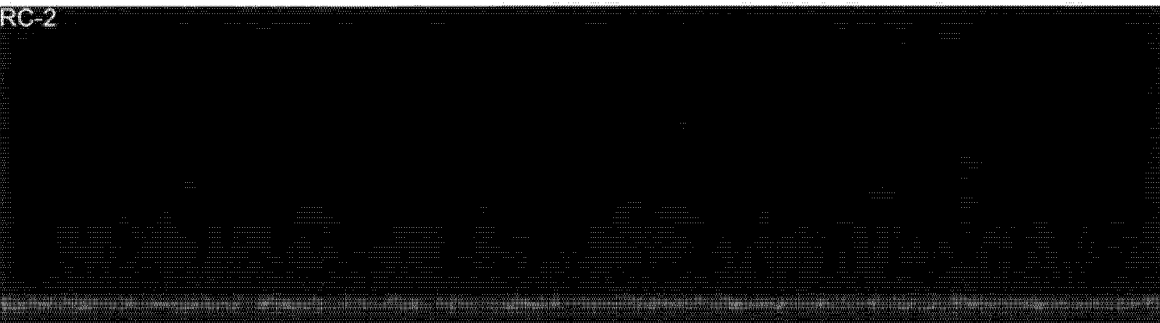
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Subject: Weekly Report from July 26 through July 30, 2010

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- *(C) National Drug Threat Assessment 2010 Briefing to the National Guard Bureau:*


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From: Trusty, James
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 8:50 AM
To: Carwile, Kevin
Subject: 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-2 case. Here's Laura's info for this week:

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

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(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. A strategy session was held to determine course of action over the next couple of months. RC-3

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, RC-3 and likely arrest/unseal once we confirm no connection.

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Hope this helps -

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

From: Carwile, Kevin
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 7:30 AM
To: Trusty, James
Subject: Do you

Have any Mexico related updates which I can relate at the meeting this morning? Are we pushing a weekly case update to the front office?

HOCR DOJ 002858

DOJ-FF-61029

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

HOCR DOJ 002859



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DATE: August 9, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Michael E. Walther
Director
National Drug Intelligence Center

SUBJECT: NATIONAL DRUG INTELLIGENCE CENTER REPORT FOR AUGUST 9
THROUGH AUGUST 13, 2010

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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

Activity	Requesting Agency	Dates
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<i>Investigation:</i>	Operation FAST AND THE FURIOUS	ATF Phoenix	July 6 -
<i>Region:</i>	Arizona, Texas, Mexico		Aug 13
<i>Targets:</i>	Manuel Celis-Acosta		
<i>Drugs/Crime:</i>	Firearms trafficking through straw purchases		
<i>Participants:</i>	ICE, Phoenix (AZ) Police Department		

TRAINING

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From: Ott, Thomas
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 5:58 PM
To: Ohr, Bruce; Crow, Douglas; Duvall, Deborah; Gray, Laurie; Henry, Wakeya; Keeney, John; Raman, Mythili; Tinsley, Mary; Mulkern, Patricia; Toner, Gerald; Weinstein, Jason; Andres, Greg; Trusty, James; Pope, Amy; Borella, John
Cc: Metz, Thomas R. (FBI); Stewart, Robert M. (FBI); LaPlante, Michael J. (FBI); Plichta, Michael E. (FBI); Phillips, Dean (FBI)
Subject: CCGS Weekly Report
Attachments: Weekly Report 2010_10_14.wpd

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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(cell)

HOCR DOJ 002862

DOJ-FF-61033

OCCS WEEKLY REPORT
Week of Oct 8- Oct 14, 2010

I. Significant Accomplishments of the Past Week

- RC-2 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

II. 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

- RC-2 [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- *Tucson 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 [REDACTED] 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

- *None expected*

RC-1

From: Trusty, James
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2010 9:21 AM
To: Weinstein, Jason
Subject: RE: OCGS 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 Fast and Furious (although this may be just the difference between Nov and Dec). It's not clear how much we're involved in the main F and F case, but we have Tucson and now a new, related case with RC-5 targets. It's not going to be any big surprise that a bunch of US guns are being used in MX, so I'm not sure how much grief we get for "guns walking." It may be more like, "Finally, they're going after people who sent guns down there..."

From: Weinstein, Jason
Sent: Sunday, October 17, 2010 11:07 PM
To: Trusty, James
Subject: FW: OCGS Weekly Report

Do you think we should try to have Lanny participate in press when Fast and Furious 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 prosecutions.

From: Ott, Thomas
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 5:56 PM
To: Ott, Bruce; Crow, Douglas; Duvall, Deborah; Gray, Laurie; Henry, Wakeya; Kearney, John; Raman, Mythili; Tinsley, Mary; Mulkern, Patrice; Toner, Gerald; Weinstein, Jason; Andres, Greg; Trusty, James; Pope, Amy; Buretta, John
Cc: Metz, Thomas R. (FBI); Stewart, Robert M. (FBI); LaPlante, Michael J. (FBI); Pichla, Michael F. (FBI); Phillips, Dean (FBI)
Subject: OCGS Weekly Report

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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Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Attorney General
The Acting Deputy Attorney General

FROM: Lanny A. Breuer
Assistant Attorney General

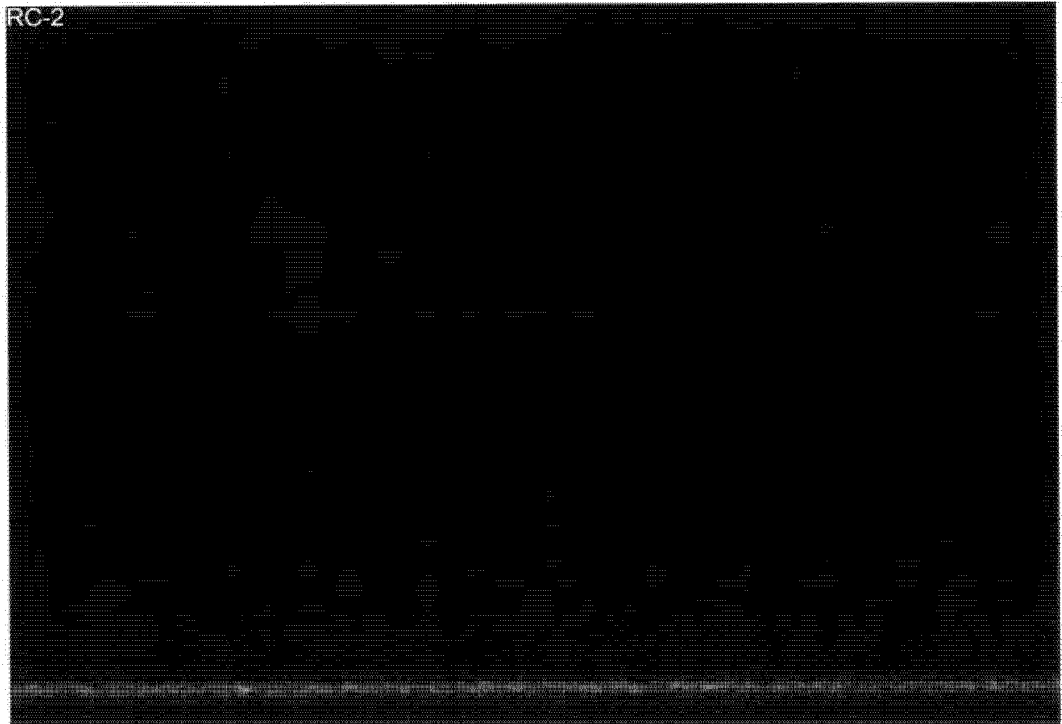
DATE: Week of November 1, 2010

RE: Weekly Report

I. SIGNIFICANT UPCOMING EVENTS

A. Litigation

1. *Indictments/Investigations*



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B. Policy and Legislative Work

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C. Public Events/Speeches/Presentations

RC-2 [Redacted]

II. SIGNIFICANT RECENT EVENTS

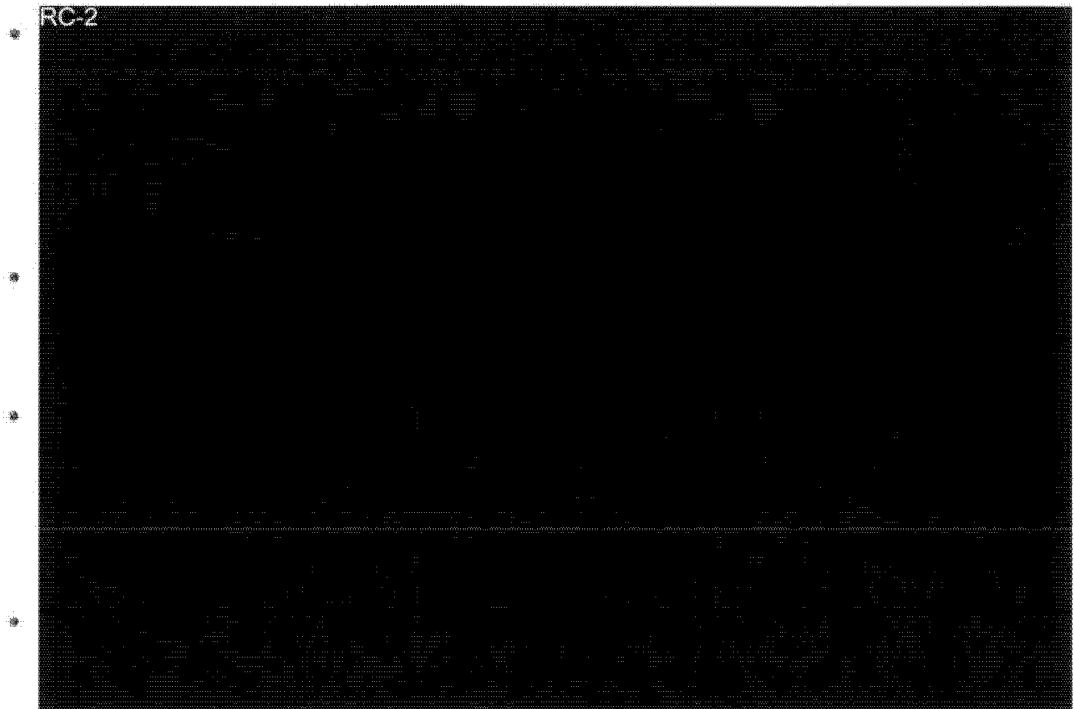
A. Litigation

1. Indictments/Investigations

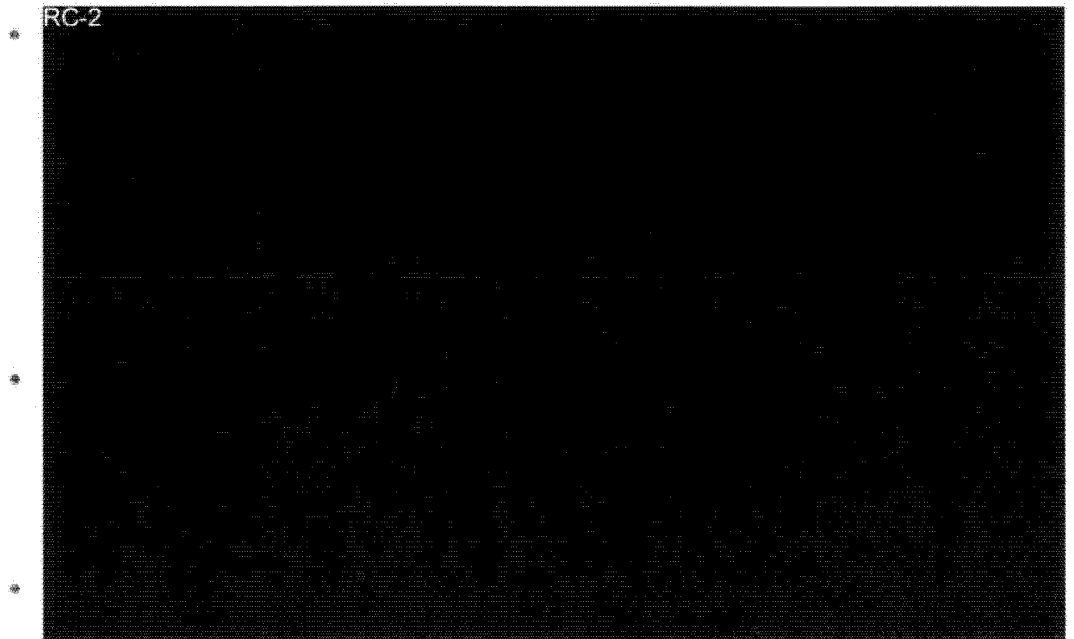
RC-2 [Redacted]

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

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



2. *Guilty Pleas*



RC-1

From: Weinstein, Jason
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 2:51 PM
To: Weinstein, Jason

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Fast/Furious = 2 more months?

HOCR DOJ 002868

DOJ-FF-61039

RC-1

From: Weinstein, Jason
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 10:41 PM
To: Pope, Amy
Cc: Trusty, James; Raman, Mythili
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

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

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[REDACTED]

- 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.

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[REDACTED]

From: Pope, Amy
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 4:51 PM
To: Weinstein, Jason
Subject: are you pulling together any materials

On ATF mtg for tomorrow?

Amy E. Pope - U.S. Department of Justice, Deputy Chief of Staff and Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division [REDACTED] RC-1

From: Smith, Brad (ODAG) <RC-1 [REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 1:50 PM
To: Hoover, William J. (ATF) <RC-1 [REDACTED]>, Michalic, Mark (ODAG) <RC-1 [REDACTED]>
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,

Here are two briefing papers re AZ. The first will give you an update on our Fast and Furious investigation. The second, labeled New Microsoft Word Document, gives you the information re the firearms recovered at the scene of the homicide of the CBP Officer.

Please call if you have any questions.

Billy

William J. Hoover

Deputy Director

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives

O) RC-1 [REDACTED]

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

HOCR DOJ 002871

DOJ-FF-61042

2. The December briefing paper regarding the Fast and Furious investigation

Thanks,

Bill

HOCR DOJ 002872

DOJ-FF-61043

From: Michalic, Mark (ODAG) <RC-1 [REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, December 16, 2010 2:37 PM
To: Hoover, William J. (ATF) <RC-1 [REDACTED]>, Smith, Brad (ODAG) <RC-1 [REDACTED]>
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
O) RC-1 [REDACTED]

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From: Smith, Brad (ODAG)
To: Hoover, William J.; Michalic, Mark (ODAG)
Sent: Thu Dec 16 13:49:40 2010
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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Here are two briefing papers re AZ. The first will give you an update on our Fast and Furious investigation. The second, labeled New Microsoft Word Document, gives you the information re the firearms recovered at the scene of the homicide of the CBP Officer.

Please call if you have any questions.

Billy

William J. Hoover

Deputy Director

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives

O) RC-1

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
2. The December briefing paper regarding the Fast and Furious investigation.

Thanks.

Bill

HOCR DOJ 002874

DOJ-FF-61045

From: Smith, Brad (ODAG) <RC-1 [REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2010 11:58 AM
To: Grindler, Gary (ODAG) <RC-1 [REDACTED]>; Monaco, Lisa (ODAG) <RC-1 [REDACTED]>; Luck, Stacey (ODAG) <RC-1 [REDACTED]>
Cc: Michalic, Mark (ODAG) <RC-1 [REDACTED]>; Johnston, Deborah A. (ODAG) <RC-1 [REDACTED]>
Subject: ATF Update
Attach: RC-2 [REDACTED], December Fast and Furious BP for SAC (2) (2).docx; December Fast and Furious BP Supplemental December 16 2010.docx

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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.

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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 "straw firearms purchaser" that ATF and USAO for Arizona have been investigating since November 2009 as part of its larger "Fast and Furious" operation. (It is not clear if the shots that killed the CBP agent came from the weapons linked 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.

RC-2 [REDACTED]

Thanks,

Brad

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DOJ-FF-61046

Briefing Paper

Phoenix Field Division

Phoenix Group VII (OCDETF Strike Force/Gunner)

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.

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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.

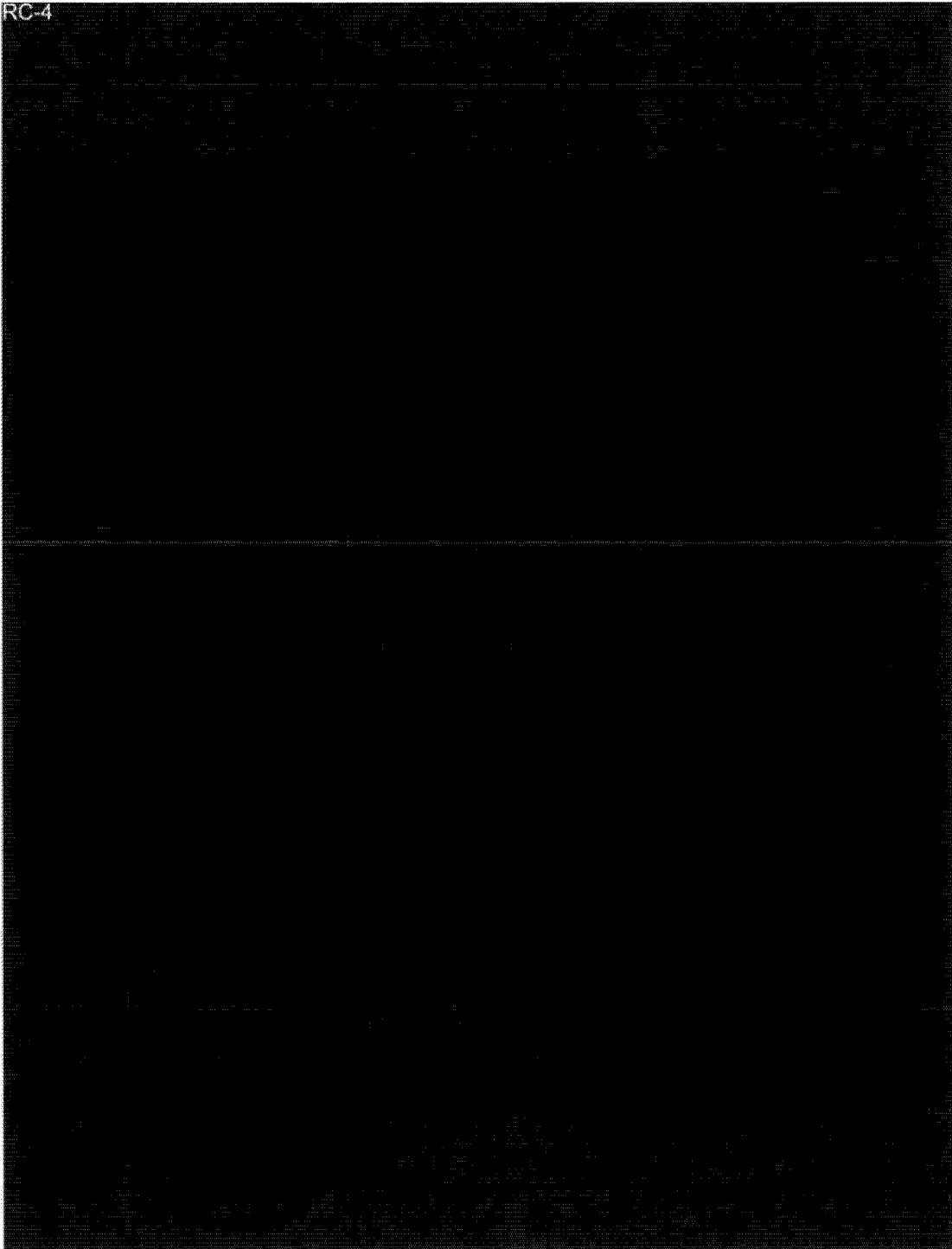
Over the past several weeks agents, in conjunction with the investigative partners and the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) have been preparing for the indictment of [REDACTED] individuals in this investigation. Agents initially anticipated a first wave of indictments on December 7, 2010. However, in light of additional evidence obtained in support of this investigation and investigative efforts on the part of IRS the first wave of approximately 20 indictments have been pushed back another 30 days. The reasons for this include the very proactive stance the IRS has taken during the past several weeks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RC-3 In addition the USAO has agreed to approve the inclusion of five Federal search warrants. The additional preparation for the search warrants and [REDACTED] RC-3 coupled with available Grand Jury time, has pushed the indictment date to the week of January 10, 2011.

On December 3rd 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.

List of Defendants Referred to USAO for Prosecution:



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;

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 ^{RC-5}

RC-5

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 ^{RC-5} 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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PHOENIX DOMEX QUARTERLY REPORT



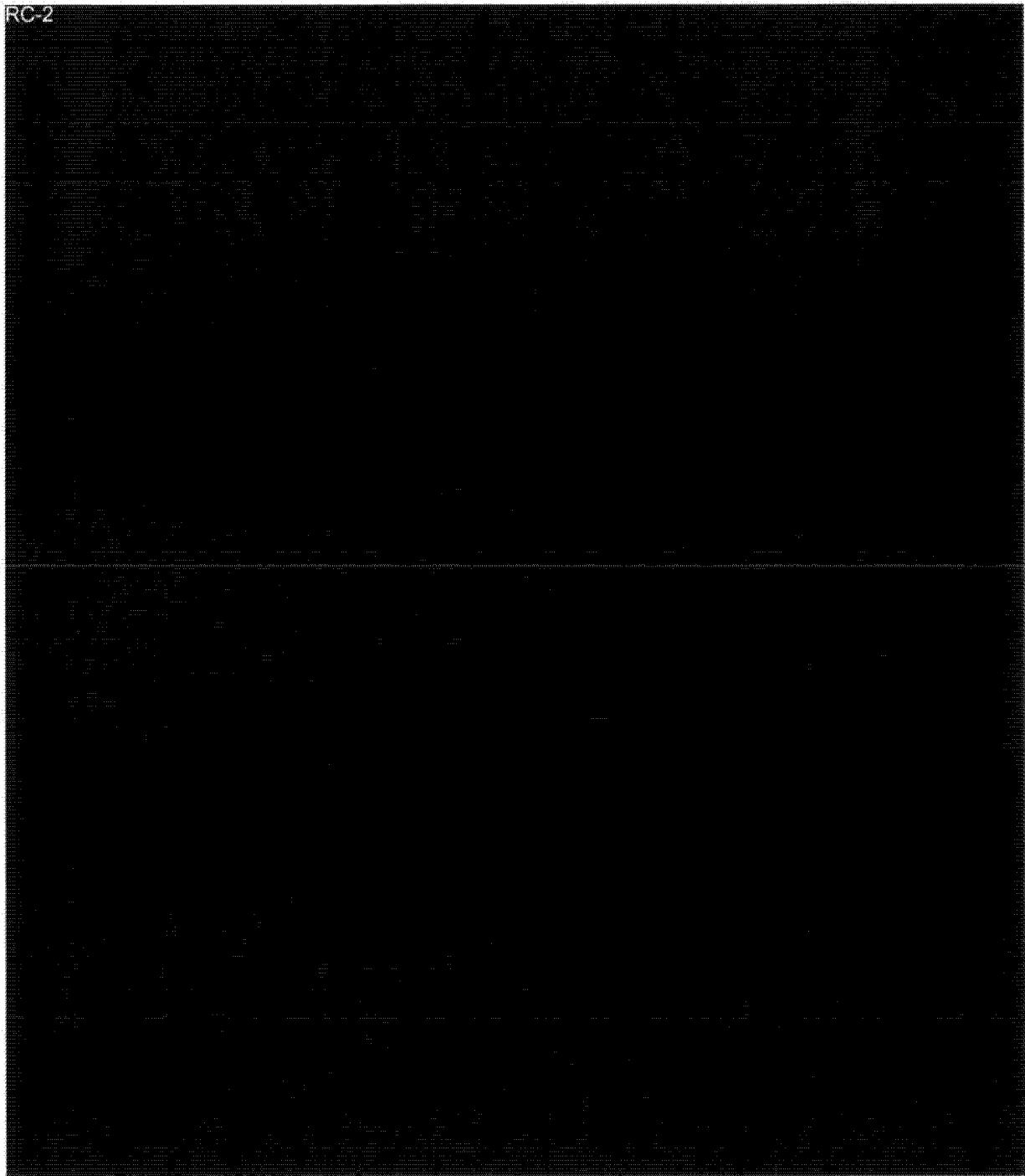
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The Phoenix DOMEX Team commenced operations on May 17, 2010. The team currently consists of 6 contract analysts, and one NDIC lead Intelligence Research Specialist (IRS). During the 1st quarter of FY-2011, the team completed 2 missions on DEA Priority 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 MacAllister

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 ^{RC}₅ members and associates of this organization in the Phoenix, AZ area. Phase 2 will involve the analysis of approximately 100 ROIs documenting the purchase of firearms.

RC-1

From: Weinstein, Jason
Sent: Monday, January 03, 2011 7:40 PM
To: Trusty, James
Subject: RE: gun trafficking

RC-2

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.

RC-2

RC-2

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:

- 1) RC-2
- 2)

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RC-2



RC-2



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 usao 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

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Is the Fast and Furious case ours or USAOs?

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

Jim

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 (CRM)
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Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

RC-2

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From: Trusty, James
Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 1:52 PM
To: Gwinn, Laura; Sweeney, Laura (SMO)
Cc: Jaffe, David; Finelli, Alisa (SMO)
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Sent: Tuesday, January 04, 2011 1:47 PM
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RC-2

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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
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RC-2

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Subject: RE: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

Projected withdrawal of **RC-1**

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RC-2

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?

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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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Sent from Blackberry
Laura Gwinn
US Dept of Justice Gang Unit
RC-1 (c)

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To: Trusty, James; Gwinn, Laura
Cc: Jaffe, David; Finelli, Alisa (SMO) <RC-1>
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)
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RC-2 [redacted] 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.

Laura Gwin
US Dept of Justice Gang Unit

RC-1 [redacted] (C)

RC-1

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RC-2

HOCR DOJ 002892

DOJ-FF-61063

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To: Sweeney, Laura (SMO); Trusty, James (CRM)
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Projected indictment of Jan. 19

RC-2

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US Dept of Justice Gang Unit

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Cc: Jaffe, David; Trusty, James

Subject: Phoenix gun trafficking press release

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Laura Cowan

US Dept of Justice Gang Unit

RC-1 (C)

HOCR DOJ 002894

DOJ-FF-61065

RC-1

From: Trusty, James
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2011 1:43 PM
To: Lurie, Adam
Subject: RE: meeting with RC-1
Attachments: SWB DAG TPs 1 18 11 rev.wpd

Some TPs for the DAG meeting -- Jason said to forward. Call me when you have a second. RC-1

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 RC-1

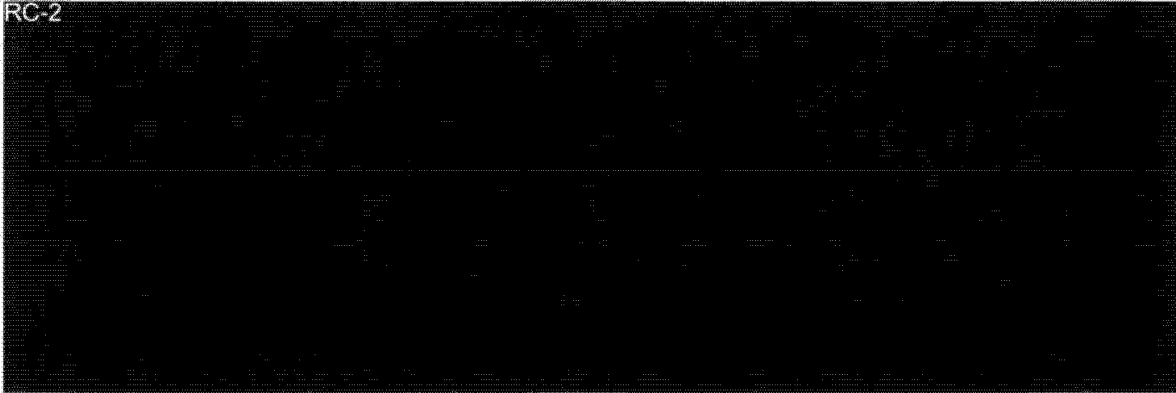
Jason,

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

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DOJ-FF-61066

RC-2



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Arizona Gun Trafficking

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

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- On Oct. 27th, we indicted 8 defendants under seal on for trafficking 228 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 thousands of firearms. Fast and Furious indictment is set for Jan. 19th.

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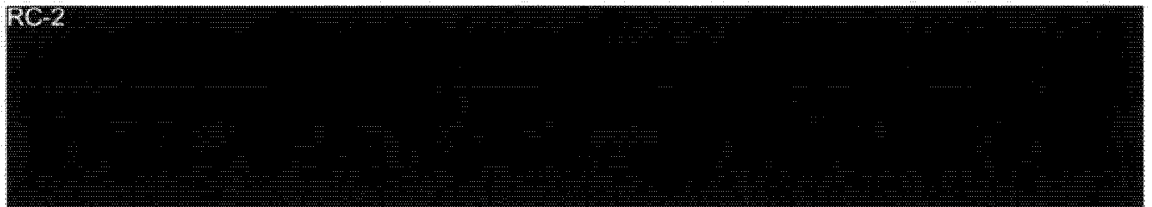
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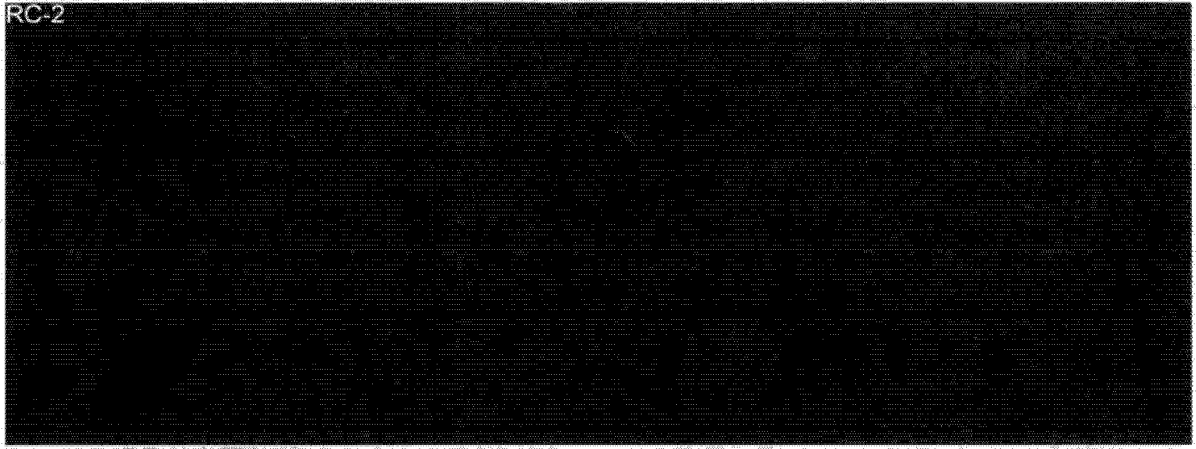


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Fast & Furious

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Our case = 8 Δ s

Stems 40 Assault type weapon

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