

Other than scattered redactions of the number of suspected straw purchasers who were under investigation, all redactions concern topics other than Operation Fast and Furious.

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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

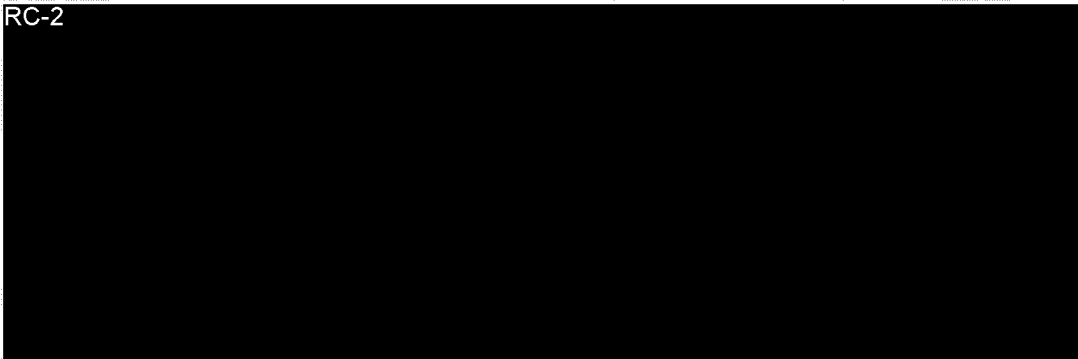
DATE: Week of October 18, 2010

RE: Weekly Report

I. SIGNIFICANT UPCOMING EVENTS

A. Litigation

1. *Indictments/Investigations*

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- *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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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

The National Drug Intelligence Center weekly report for July 5 through July 9 is as follows:

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Subject: Weekly Report from July 5 through July 9, 2010

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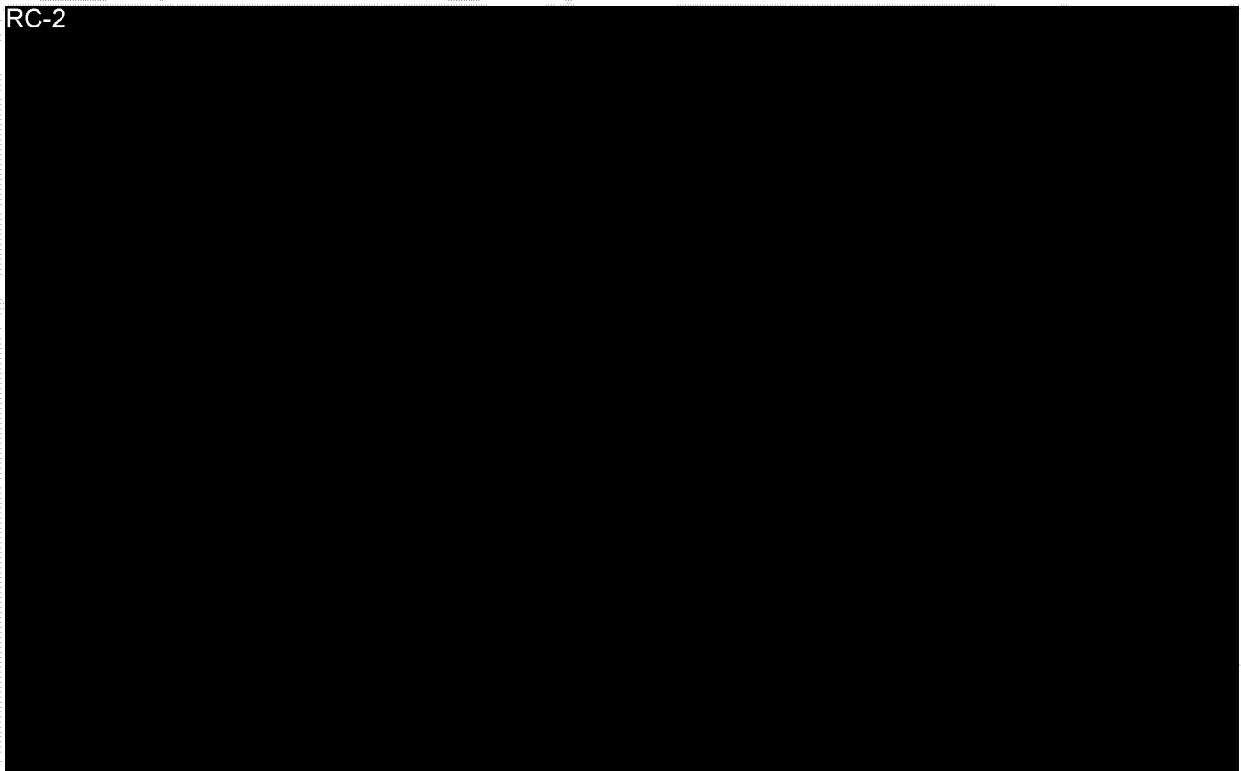
FROM: Michael F. Walther
Director
National Drug Intelligence Center

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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Subject: Weekly Report from July 12 through July 16, 2010

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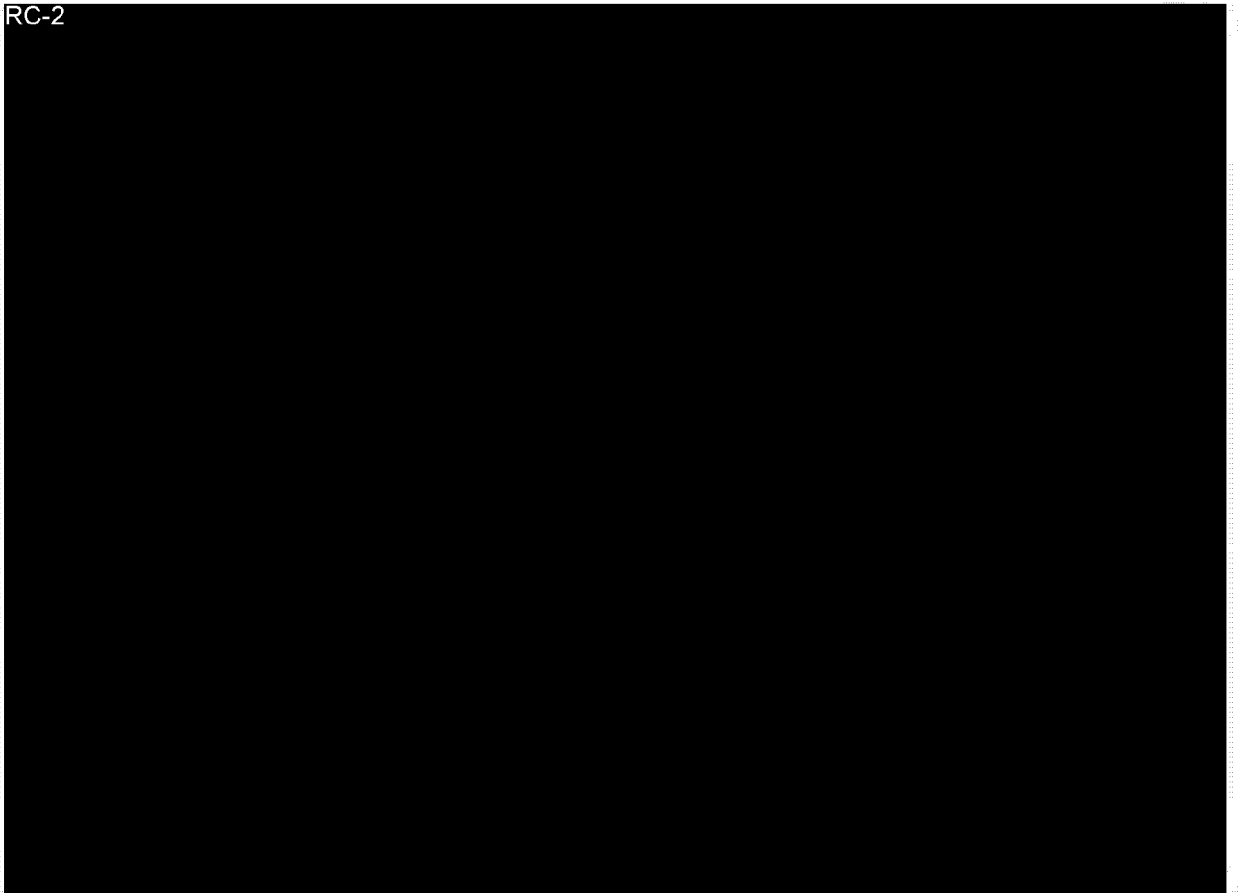
FROM: Michael F. Walther
Director
National Drug Intelligence Center

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

The National Drug Intelligence Center weekly report for July 19 through July 23 is as follows:

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• *(LOU-LES) Document and Media Exploitation Support to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force:*

From July 26 through July 30, 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-5} 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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DATE: July 26, 2010

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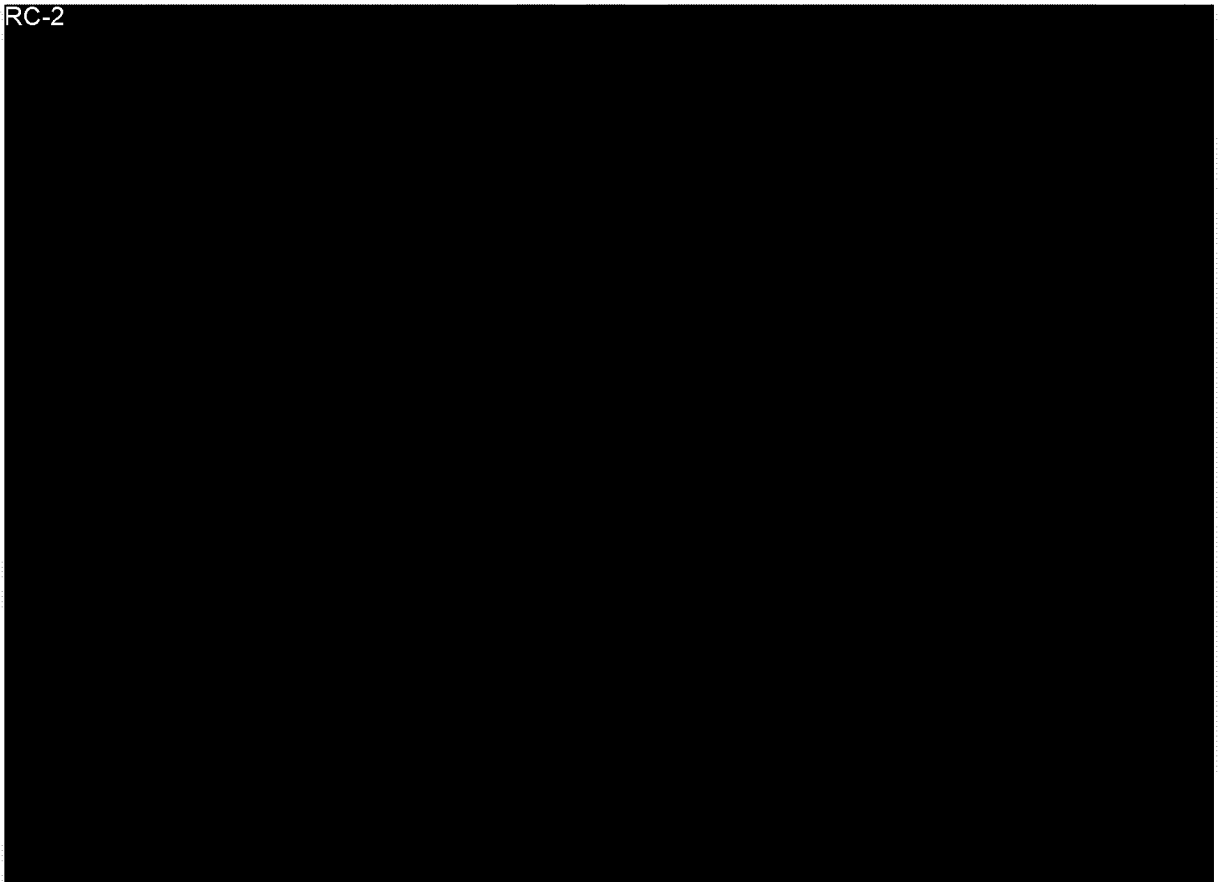
FROM: Michael F. Walther
Director
National Drug Intelligence Center

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

The National Drug Intelligence Center weekly report for July 26 through July 30 is as follows:

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

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- *(LOU-LES) Document and Media Exploitation Support to the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force:*

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-5} 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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- *(U) National Drug Threat Assessment 2010 Briefing to the National Guard Bureau:*

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DATE: August 9, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH THE ACTING DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Michael F. 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

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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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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

B. Indictments/Investigations

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B. Policy and Legislative Work

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C. Public Events/Speeches/Presentations

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II. SIGNIFICANT RECENT EVENTS

A. Litigation

I. Indictments/Investigations

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- *Tucson Gun Trafficking (D. Ariz.)* On October 27, the Organized Crime and Gang Section (OCGS) 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.

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2. *Guilty Pleas*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

THROUGH THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: Kenneth E. Melson
Deputy Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms
and Explosives

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for July 19-23, 2010

EXPECTED LEGISLATIVE OR POLICY DEVELOPMENTS:

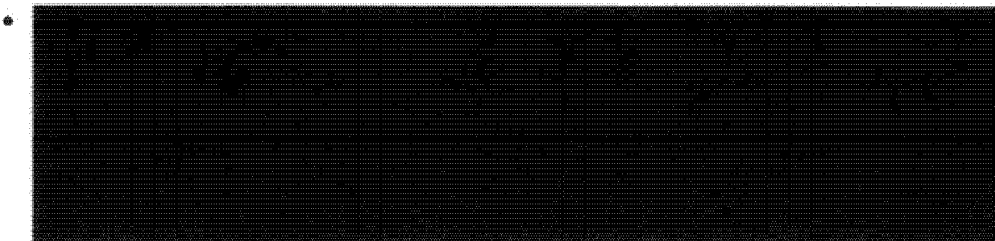
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- ***Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Recovers 73 Firearms in "Operation Fast and Furious" — Phoenix, Arizona:***

On July 14, 2010, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) reported on the recovery of 73 firearms and 250 AK-47 drum magazines from a business in Phoenix. ATF conducted an interview at the business after receiving a tip from the Phoenix Police Department regarding an ATF gun-trafficking investigation. ATF recovered 73 firearms, including 20 AK-47 type rifles, a Barrett .50 caliber rifle, an AR-15 rifle, 50 handguns, approximately 250 75-round drum magazines, and other magazines and assorted ammunition. Firearms traces indicate that many of the items were recently purchased by known straw purchasers. This recovery adds to the total of 169 firearms recovered in the previous 25 days as part of the Southwest Border firearms trafficking investigation.



MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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FROM: Kenneth E. Melson
Acting Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms
and Explosives

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for January 31-February 4, 2011

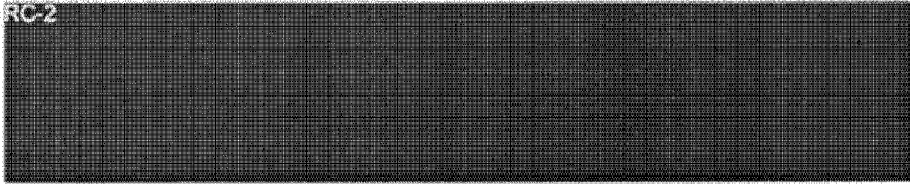
UPCOMING COURT DEADLINES IN CASES PRESENTING MAJOR LEGAL
OR POLICY ISSUES:

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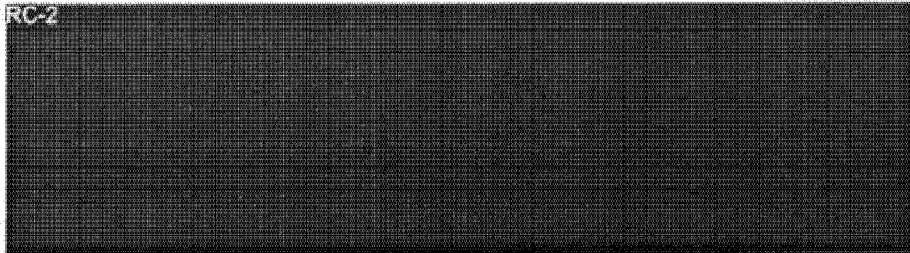


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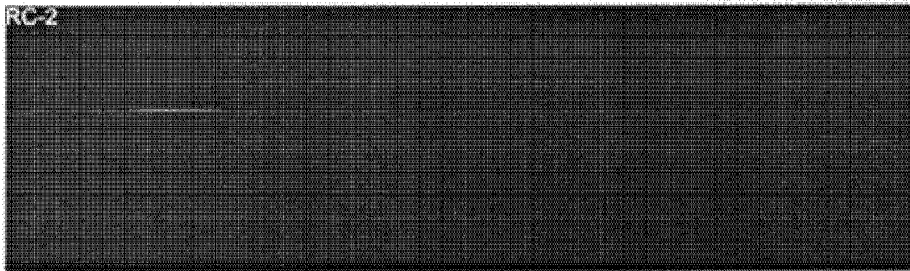
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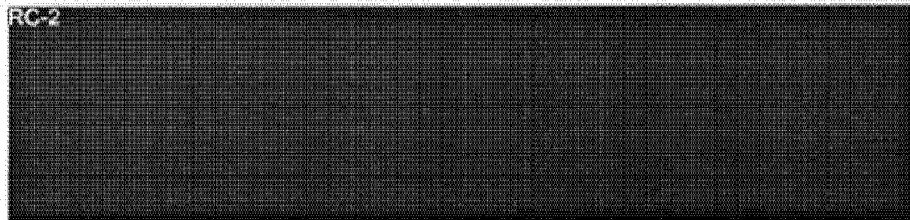
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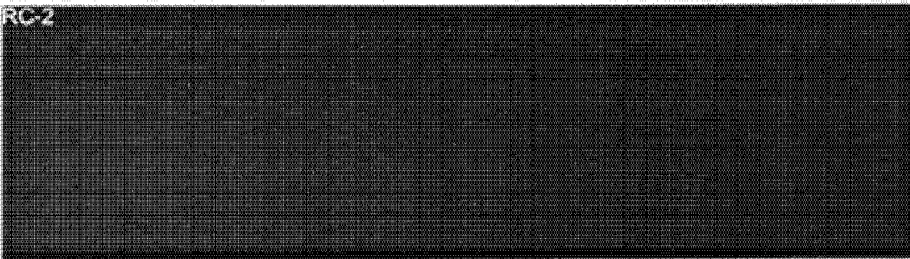
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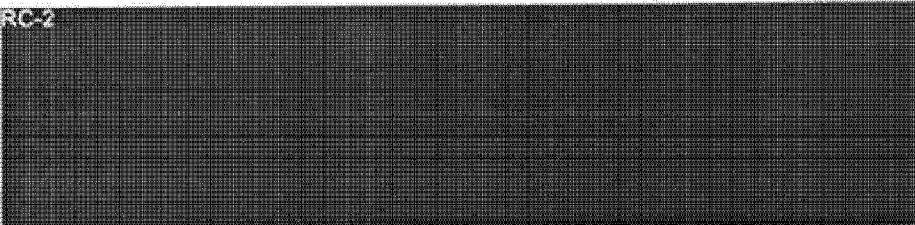
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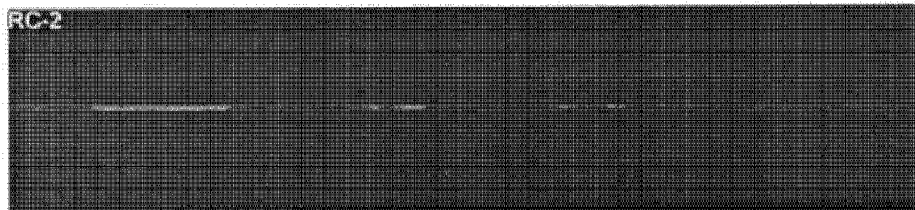


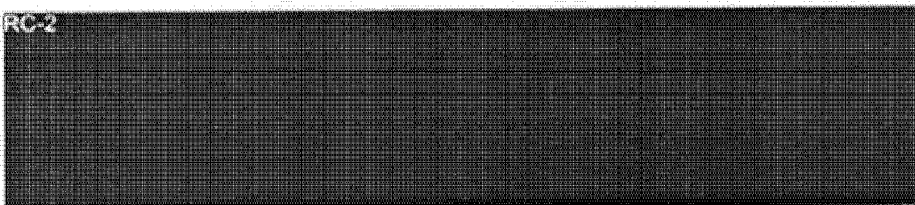
- ***Eighteen Arrested in Firearms Trafficking Investigation — Phoenix, Arizona:***
On January 25, 2011, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) reported on the arrest of 18 suspects and four search warrants served in a

firearms trafficking investigation in Phoenix. Seized during the search were 12 firearms, body armor, ammunition, 2 pounds of methamphetamine, several pounds of marijuana, computers, various documents, and packaging material. ATF and numerous other Federal and local law enforcement participated in this investigation.

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE/INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP:

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- *Significant Traces of the Week:*

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