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REFER TO: 2016-0354

Mr. Sean A. Dunagan  
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Dear Mr. Dunagan:

This is in further response to your Freedom of Information Act request dated March 17, 2016 for information on firearm recoveries related to ATF's Operation Fast & Furious.

In response to your request, we have processed a total of three pages of potentially responsive material, and we are releasing these three pages in part. Each page of this production indicates that each page is being released in part ("RIP"). Individual redactions identify the exemption pursuant to which the redacted material has been withheld.

The responsive documents contain information that ATF is required to maintain pursuant to the Gun Control Act (GCA) and/or is information contained in ATF Firearms Trace System database. This information is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Exemption (b)(3) of the FOIA and Public Law 112-55, 125 Stat. 552.

Exemption (b)(3) of the FOIA permits the withholding of information prohibited from disclosure by another statute only if one of two disjunctive requirements are met: the statute either (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld. Thus, a statute falls within the exemption's coverage if it satisfies any one of its disjunctive requirements.

Beginning in 2003, Congress placed restrictions on ATF's disclosure of certain GCA related information. In short, ATF can only provide certain GCA data to a law enforcement agency or a prosecutor solely in connection with a criminal investigation or prosecution. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2006, Congress included a provision within each iteration of the restriction, which effectively made the law permanent.

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The most recent iteration of these various restrictions was included in ATF's 2012 Appropriation Bill, Public Law 112-55, 125 Stat. 552. Some of the information in the requested records falls within this restriction. Since the Fiscal Year 2006 through 2008 restrictions satisfy all the requirements of FOIA Exemption (b)(3), and the 2012 language is perpetuated from those restrictions, I am withholding the trace data pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(3) and Public Law 112-55, 125 Stat. 552.

We are also withholding the personal information of other individuals mentioned in the records you requested under FOIA Exemption (b)(6). To disclose personal information about living individuals to a member of the public, we need the written consent from the persons whose information you requested. Without written consent, proof of death, or an overriding public interest, personal information is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA. The FOIA does not require agencies to disclose information that would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)).

We are also withholding the personal information of other persons mentioned in the records you requested under Exemption (b)(7)(C). Exemption (b)(7)(C) permits the withholding of information compiled for law enforcement purposes that "could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." The public interest in disclosure is limited to the FOIA's core purpose of shedding light on an agency's performance of its statutory duties. The public interest under Exemption (b)(7)(C) must be both significant and compelling in order to overcome the legitimate personal privacy interests of third parties. In this matter, the disclosure would not serve the core purpose of the FOIA, but rather, would serve as an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C)).

If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's eFOIA portal at <http://www.justice.gov/oip/efoia-portal.html>. Please note that OIP is in the process of transitioning from its current eFOIA portal to the portal on FOIAonline. Please visit the link above for instructions for submitting an appeal electronically. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 60 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked Freedom of Information Act Appeal.

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This is the first response of records related to this request. We are still reviewing additional responsive documents, and will provide them to you on a rolling basis.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deputy Chief Pete Chisholm at (202) 648-7382 or via email at [peter.chisholm@atf.gov](mailto:peter.chisholm@atf.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie M. Boucher".

Stephanie M. Boucher  
Chief, Disclosure Division



# F&F Recoveries in Mexico per State From Dec 2012 to February 2016

Updated on: March 23, 2016

Number of Firearms Recovered in Mexico	MCO FOLIO	Purchaser	Date of Purchase	Date of Recovery	Date of Notification to MCO	Recovering Agency Incident Report	SERIAL	CAL	TYPE	Trace / Comment
		(b)(3) (112-55 125 Stat. 552), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)					(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)			(b)(3) (112-55 125 Stat. 552)
1	MCO 13-01			12/16/12	02/22/13	A.P.: PGR/GDLJAG2/M2/5641/2012		7.62	Rifle	
2	MCO 13-02			10/09/12	02/20/13	Nuevo laredo, Tamaulipas		7.62	Rifle	
3	MCO 13-03			01/10/13	03/11/13	Recovered in Tijuana, BC		7.62	Rifle	
4	MCO 13-04			12/04/12	03/28/13			7.62	Rifle	
5	MCO 13-05			03/30/13	04/08/13			7.62	Rifle	
6	MCO 13-06			01/13/13	04/08/13	Colonia Lomas de Guadalupe, Culiacan, Sinaloa		7.62	Rifle	
7	MCO 13-07			12/25/12	04/15/13	Matamoros, Tamaulipas		7.62	Rifle	
8	MCO 13-08			12/05/12	04/16/13	Matamoros, Tamaulipas		7.62	Rifle	
9	MCO 13-09			04/09/13	04/26/13	A.P.: PGR/SON/OBR-1/129/2013		7.62	Rifle	
10	MCO 13-10			04/08/13	04/29/13	CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA		7.62	Pistol	
11	MCO 13-11-1			11/07/12	04/29/13	CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA		7.62	Rifle	
12	MCO 13-11-2			05/02/13	05/06/13	Ciudad Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua		7.62	Rifle	
13	MCO 13-11-3			04/26/13	05/07/13	Mexicali, Baja California		7.62	Pistol	
14	MCO 13-12			06/26/13	07/01/13	Caborca Sonora		7.62	Rifle	
15	MCO 13-13-1			04/25/13	05/08/13	Hermosillo, Sonora		7.62	Rifle	
16	MCO 13-13-2			07/04/13	07/08/13	Guadalajara, Jalisco		7.62	Pistol	
17	MCO 13-14			01/29/13	07/09/13	Hostotipaquillo, Jalisco		7.62	Rifle	
18	MCO 13-15			07/01/13	07/22/13	AP/PGR/SON/OBR-III/221/2013		7.62	Rifle	
19	MCO 13-16			07/02/13	07/22/13	AP/PGR/SON/OBR-III/226/2013		7.62	Rifle	
20	MCO 13-17			07/21/13	08/07/13	MCO FY 13 17 Culiacan, Sinaloa		7.62	Rifle	
21	MCO 13-18			07/21/13	08/07/13	MCO FY13 18 Culiacan, Sinaloa		7.62	Rifle	
22	MCO 13-19			03/23/10	08/12/13	853/2010-VI-A		7.62	Rifle	
23	MCO 13-20			08/05/13	08/14/13	Guadalajara, Jalisco		7.62	Rifle	
24	MCO 13-21			09/04/13	09/06/13	AP/PGR/BC/TJ/2066/13/M-11		7.62	Rifle	
25	MCO 14-01			08/15/13	10/15/13	AP/PGR/GRO/CHI/11002/2013		7.62	Rifle	
26	MCO 14-02			11/05/13	11/08/13	PGR/CHIH/GUACH/2397/2013-C Hidalgo del Parral, Chih		7.62	Rifle	
27	MCO 14-03			11/05/13	11/13/13	Guazapares, Chihuahua		7.62	Pistol	
28	MCO 14-04			08/06/13	11/14/13	Durango, Dgo.		7.62	Rifle	
29	MCO 14-05			11/20/13	11/22/13	BAVIACORA, SONORA AP/PGR/SON/HER-IV/10027/2013		7.62	Rifle	
30	MCO 14-06			12/18/13	12/31/13	AP/PGR/SEIDO/UEITA/127/2013 Puerto Peñasco, Sonora		7.62	Rifle	
31	MCO 14-07			11/18/13	01/07/14	Chihuahua		7.62	Rifle	
32	MCO 14-08			07/31/12	01/15/14	PGR/SIEDO/UEIDCS/297/2012 GUERRERO		7.62	Rifle	
33	MCO 14-09			02/06/14	02/13/14	AP/PGR/BC/230/14		7.62	Rifle	
34	MCO 14-10			01/24/14	02/21/14	AP/PGR/CHIH/PARRA/149/2014-C		7.62	Rifle	
35	MCO 14-11			02/18/14	02/21/14	AP/PGR/SEIDO/UEITA/027/2014		7.62	Rifle	
36	MCO 14-12			03/05/14	03/21/14	AP PENDING CULIACAN, SINALOA		7.62	Rifle	
37	MCO 14-13			03/20/14	03/28/14	AP/PGR/SEIDO/UEITA/046/2014		7.62	Rifle	
38	MCO 14-14			05/06/13	04/17/14	AP/PGR/VR/CTZ/177/13		45	Pistol	
39	MCO 14-15			01/15/14	04/23/14	AP PGR SON PENDING		7.62	Rifle	





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40	MCO 14-16	(b)(3) (112-55 125 Stat. 552), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	02/24/10	04/05/14	04/24/14	Puesta a disposición SEDENA	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	7.62	Rifle	(b)(3) (112-55 125 Stat. 552)
41	MCO 14-17		03/16/10	04/03/14	04/24/14	Informative Card		7.62	Rifle	
42	MCO 14-18		01/07/10	05/11/14	05/16/14	Informative Card		7.62	Rifle	
43	MCO 14-19		07/24/10	05/22/14	05/28/14			7.62	Rifle	
44	MCO 14-20		01/04/10	06/15/14	06/17/14	37-2014-16912		7.62	Rifle	
45	MCO 14-21		03/01/10	03/25/14	06/27/14	AP/PGR/SON/NAV-I/27/2014		7.62	Rifle	
46	MCO 14-22		03/03/10	06/30/14	07/08/14	Tlatlaya		7.62	Rifle	
47	MCO 14-23		12/10/09	09/05/14	09/12/14			7.62	Rifle	
48	MCO 14-24		06/05/10	11/09/13	09/12/14	AP/PGR/NAY/BUC-I/13/2013		7.62	Rifle	
49	MCO 14-25		03/01/10	09/09/14		ERROR TRACE DUPLICATE MCO 14-11		7.62	Rifle	
50	MCO 14-26		10/02/09	06/30/14	10/03/14	117-14 UEITA		7.62	Rifle	
51	MCO 15-01		11/03/09	08/31/14	11/05/14	AP/PGR/SON/NAV/I/118/2014		7.62	Rifle	
52	MCO 15-02		03/16/10	10/08/14	11/10/14	AP/PGR/SON/SAT-I/204/2014		7.62	Rifle	
53	MCO 15-03		05/18/10	12/01/14	12/10/14	AP/PGR/SON/STA/262/2014		7.62	Rifle	
54	MCO 15-04		12/12/09	01/21/15	02/13/15	AP /PGR/CHIH/GUACH/161/2015-C		7.62	Pistol	
55	MCO 15-05		02/22/10	02/16/15	02/18/15	CI 17-2015-0000424		7.62	Rifle	
56	MCO 15-06		04/09/10	02/14/15	02/20/15	AP/PGR/SON/HER-VI/155/2015		50 BMG	Rifle	
57	MCO 15-07		05/10/10	02/13/15	02/20/15	AP-PGR-SEIDO-UEITA-030-2015		7.62	Rifle	
58	MCO 15-08		03/16/10	02/28/15	03/04/15	PGR/SEIDO/UEITA/048/2015		7.62	Rifle	
59	MCO 15-09		03/03/10	02/27/15	03/05/15			7.62	Rifle	
60	MCO 15-10		12/10/09	03/05/15	03/06/15	C.I 65-2015-0000009/Poblado de Bahuichivo, Chihuahua		7.62	Rifle	
61	MCO 15-11		03/03/10	02/22/15	03/09/15	PGR/SEIDO/UEITA/043/2015		7.62	Rifle	
62	MCO 15-12		03/15/10	02/22/15	03/09/15	PGR/SEIDO/UEITA/043/2015		7.62	Rifle	
63	MCO 15-13		04/25/10	02/14/15	03/11/15	HERMOSILLO, SON, MEXICO		.308	Rifle	
64	MCO 15-14		12/03/09	02/19/15	03/11/15	SONOYTA, SON,MEXICO		7.62	Rifle	
65	MCO 15-15		05/10/10	07/24/15	04/21/15	DGO/GP-II/459B/2014 SAN LUIS DEL CORDERO, DURANGO		7.62	Rifle	
66	MCO 15-16		05/11/10	03/02/15	04/22/15	Mazatlan, Sinaloa		7.62	Pistol	
67	MCO 15-17		12/11/09	04/07/15	04/24/15	Mazatlan, Sin AP/SIN/MAZ/111/2015		7.62	Rifle	
68	MCO 15-18		12/10/09	04/01/15	04/24/15	GUACHOCHI, CHIHUAHUA		7.62	Rifle	
69	MCO 15-19		06/05/09	05/22/15	05/27/15	Rancho el Sol, Michoacan, Mexico		7.62	Rifle	
70	MCO 15-20		08/12/10	05/22/15	05/27/15	Rancho el Sol, Michoacan, Mexico		7.62	Rifle	
71	MCO 15-21		02/24/10	05/15/15	06/01/15	Ciudad Obregon, Sonora AP/PGR/SON/OBR-I/138/2015		7.62	Rifle	
72	MCO 15-22		03/03/10	05/25/15	06/05/15	Nogales, Sonora		7.62	Rifle	
73	MCO 15-23		05/18/10	05/02/15	06/05/15	Nogales, Sonora		7.62	Rifle	
74	MCO 15-24		07/06/10	05/18/15	06/05/15	Nogales, Sonora		7.62	Rifle	
75	MCO 15-25		01/07/10	06/09/15	06/11/15	Mazatlán, Sinaloa		7.62	Rifle	
76	MCO 15-26		12/10/09	06/09/15	06/30/15	Culliacan, Sinaloa AP/PGR/SIN/CLN/734/2015/M-IV		7.62	Rifle	
77	MCO 15-27		12/10/09	07/23/15	08/05/15	Navojoa, Sonora		7.62	Pistol	
78	MCO 15-28		11/12/09	08/07/15	08/26/15	Parral, Chihuahua		7.62	Rifle	
79	MCO 15-29		02/24/10	08/22/15	09/02/15	Navojoa, Sonora		7.62	Rifle	
80	MCO 15-30		02/26/10	08/22/15	09/03/15	Navojoa, Sonora AP/PGR/SON/NAV-I/115/2015		7.62	Rifle	
81	MCO 15-31		12/12/09	08/22/15	09/03/15	Navojoa, Sonora AP/PGR/SON/NAV-I/115/2015		7.62	Pistol	
82	MCO 15-32		12/10/09	08/22/15	09/03/15	Navojoa, Sonora AP/PGR/SON/NAV-I/115/2015		7.62	Pistol	
83	MCO 16-01		01/20/10	09/21/15	10/09/15	SANTIAGO PAPANQUIARO, DR, MEXICO		7.62	Rifle	



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84	MCO 16-02	(b)(3) (112-55 125 Stat. 552), (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	12/10/09	10/26/15	10/27/15	GUACHOCHI, CH, MEXICO	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	7.62	Rifle	(b)(3) (112-55 125 Stat. 552)
85	MCO 16-03		12/10/09	10/27/15	10/29/15	HIDALGO DEL PARRAL, CH, MEXICO		7.62	Rifle	
86	MCO 16-04		12/10/09	11/18/15	11/30/15	Culiacan, Sinaloa AP/PGR/SIN/CLN-I/568-PP/2015		7.62	Rifle	
87	MCO 16-05		11/27/09	11/04/15	12/01/15	Puerto Penasco, Sonora PGR/SON/PP-COE/097/2015		7.62	Rifle	
88	MCO 16-06		05/11/10	11/04/15	12/08/15	Puerto Penasco, Sonora		7.62	Rifle	
89	MCO 16-07		03/17/10	11/20/15	12/09/15	Culiacan, Sinaloa		5.7	Pistol	
90	MCO 16-08		03/30/10	12/10/15	12/21/15	Culiacan, Sinaloa		7.62	Rifle	
91	MCO 16-09		07/08/10	01/12/16	01/19/16	Los Mochis, Sinaloa		50 BMG	Rifle	
92	MCO 16-10		12/08/09	01/16/16	01/27/16	Magdalena, Sonora AP/PGR/SEIDO/UEITA/016/2016		7.62	Rifle	
93	MCO 16-11		06/12/10	02/22/16	02/24/16	PGR/DDF/SZO/ROM/III/1503PP/16		9mm	Pistol	
94	MCO 16-12		12/10/09	03/14/16	03/23/16	FED/CHIH/PARR/000252/2016 Hidalgo del Parral, Chihuahua		7.62	Rifle	

TOTAL OF FIREARMS RECOVERED IN MEXICO FROM DECEMBER 2012 TO MARCH 23, 2016 94

VIOLENT RECOVERIES : 20

Rifles	82
Pistols	12
* Total of FA Recovered	94

F&F Recoveries per State		
Durango	3	3%
Edo de Mex	2	2%
Guerrero	2	2%
Sinaloa	17	18%
Nayarit	1	1%
Tamaulipas	3	3%
Michoacan	2	2%
Baja California Norte	5	5%
Jalisco	5	5%
Chihuahua	19	20%
Sonora	32	34%
Veracruz	2	2%
Ciudad de Mexico	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>99%</b>

\* FA recovered from Dec 2012 to March 23, 2016

