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GRIT Performance for Reporting Period July 19 – July 23, 2010		
	Reporting Period	Since Inception
Number of Investigative Leads at the Start of GRIT (May 1, 2010)	N/A	25
Number of New Investigative Leads	5	135
Total Leads		160
Number of Leads Investigated	6	101
Number of New Actual Criminal Cases Opened	1	45
Number of Existing Investigations Supported by GRIT	0	76
Number of Defendants Recommended for Prosecution	1	21
Number of Referrals to U.S. LE Agencies	0	0
Number of Liaison Activities with the Gov. of Mexico	1	6
Number of Firearms/Other Evidence Seized/Recovered by ATF or Other LE Agencies Acting on ATF Information	5 firearms 26 Ammo Rounds \$0.00 Currency 17.6 Cocaine 67.1 grams Meth. 0 grams Marijuana	1,096 Firearms 45,558 Rounds of Ammunition \$800.00 currency 552.6 grams Cocaine 415.1 grams Methamphetamine 104.9 g. Marijuana Other
Number of FFL Inspections Initiated	27	535
Number of FFL Inspections Completed	46	393
FFL Adverse Actions Recommended:		
Number of Warning Letters/Warning Conferences	4	46
Number of Revocations (Recommended by Division and Concurred by HQ)	0	0
Number of Licenses Surrendered in Lieu of Revocation	0	0
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Timing would be good because we should indict our Phoenix case in late Sept/early Oct. We also have a press conference in late August in Phoenix announcing the arrest of approx 40 straw purchasers in a dozen separate cases.

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Kevin Michael O'Reilly
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Have you been pulled into this discussion about an arms trafficking roundtable/conference in Mexico City sometime in late Sept/early Oct?

Kevin Michael O'Reilly
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From: Newell, William D. [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 9:17 AM

To: O'Reilly, Kevin M.

Subject: RE: Wicked One

Got another one last week, a .50 caliber semi-auto. Headed for Sinaloa DTO. Part of the same "large OCDETF case" I mentioned previously. We should be indicting in early October.

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These pics are just an example of some of the guns, ammo and magazines seized within the past week in Phoenix related to the "large OCDETF case" I mentioned. When a 22 year old kid on State financial assistance walks into a gun store and plops down \$12,000 in cash to buy a tripod mounted .50 caliber rifle that's a clue (even for us) that he's involved in trafficking firearms for a Mexican DTO. Another picture shows the 225 drum magazines we seized from the same group. These are in BIG demand by the Mexican DTOs because each drum hold 75 rounds of 7.62x39mm (AK47) ammo. Each one costs about \$200, depending on where you go, so we they aren't happy we seized approx \$45,000 in merchandise from them but of course money is not a problem for them. If you have any questions, like "how in the hell....?" then feel free to call.

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Well, now that Jeff Stirling is going back to the Mother Ship I expect they'll have the means to do more of that ... he's a good man & he'll be a good ally for you guys (& us).

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From: Newell, William D. [REDACTED]
To: O'Reilly, Kevin M.
Sent: Wed Jul 28 18:53:52 2010
Subject: RE: Wicked One

Sure, just don't want ATF HQ to find out, especially since this is what **they** should be doing (briefing you)!

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Wicked One.

Even I'd remember that one.

This is great; very informative.

OK to share with Sr Director Dan Restrepo and with CT/CN Director Greg Gatjanis?

Would not leave NSS, I assure you.

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Subject: Fw: Guns not viewed in Mexico

Want to give you a good example of the frustration we have in trying to assist Mexico with the firearms trafficking issue. In this judicial district (Arizona), in cases involving the "straw" purchase of firearms eventually recovered in Mexico and where we only have a confession by the "straw" and a falsified ATF F 4473 (form filled out by buyer and licensed gun dealer), the U.S. Attorney's office requests that we have a "U.S. Agent" physically inspect the firearms in Mexico in order to show the jury that the "straw" buyer was in fact part of a trafficking scheme. Other districts don't require this but hey it's Arizona, I appreciate and respect the struggles the USAO has to go through with juries in this State to convince them of the illegality of this. We routinely have "straw" purchasers tell us that "yeah, I knew what I was doing was wrong but the money was good and who cares - the guns are going to Mexico right?". A very typical attitude and until some of these folks start going to prison for violating Federal law then nothing will change. We have some "straw" purchasers who have purchased several hundred "weapons of choice" and made good money doing it but in reality may never get prosecuted. In trying to satisfy the Arizona USAO's request to have the firearms inspected in Mexico in order to be able to introduce that in US Federal court we need Mexico's help but as you can guess it's a major pain to get access to these guns. The longer the guns are in custody in Mexico (40 days+) the deeper in red tape they get buried. If it's less than 40 days since the seizure it "should be" fairly easy but as you know nothing in Mexico is easy or quick. As an example and regarding the August 4th seizure in Nogales, Sonora. Several of the firearms in that seizure are directly linked to a case we are ready to indict here in the Federal system. We had these guns entered into our "Suspect Guns" system so when they were traced in eTrace they "pinged" off this "Suspect Guns" list and our case agent was immediately notified. I then contacted the Sonora PGR "SAC" and had it all worked out to have 2 of my agents accompany 3 PGR reps to see the guns yesterday. There was an official order signed by the PGR which they can do in order to see any evidence being stored at a nearby military base during the prosecution of a case. In Mexico the military bases are used to store most evidence since they are deemed the most "secure". It was all arranged for my guys to travel to Nogales, Sonora yesterday at 9am which they did and where they met 3 very helpful PGR reps. They all then traveled to the nearby military base, order in hand, to view the 3 guns needed in our case in Arizona. Upon arriving at the military they were blocked from seeing the evidence even though the PGR had an properly executed order allowing it. The General ended up getting involved and of course nothing happened after that since it appears he was out of the loop on this which I partly blame myself for but that should have been handled by the Sonora PGR's office. In reality the PGR's "order", a legal document, should have trumped the General's objections but of course it's Mexico and once feelings get hurt all bets are off. Therefore after several unsuccessful attempts to explain our legitimate reasons for being there including our desire to prosecute those responsible for trafficking these firearms my guys came back to Phoenix. This is just one example, many more like it exist where we have repeatedly attempted to inspect firearms seized in Mexico for the specific purpose of using that as evidence in criminal proceedings. What should be a very simple process and something we should be doing all the time is not happening because the Mexicans make it impossible, even when we follow their rules. We are more than willing to address their repeated requests to hold all those involved in the trafficking of firearms accountable to the fullest extent of the law but they need to be part of the solution and not the problem. My agents desperately want to make this work because we see the damage caused by these illegal acts by "straw" purchasers and others involved in trafficking firearms to Mexico. We want to hold them accountable under US law but it won't take many more times of having doors slammed in their faces by the Mexicans before they give up and when that happens Mexico can stop complaining because we tried and they failed.

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To: Newell, William D.
Sent: Fri Aug 13 17:15:23 2010
Subject: Guns not viewed in Mexico
 SAC Newell,

Below is a list of guns recovered in Mexico, straw purchased here in Phoenix, that we are submitting for charging in August 2010 as part of GRIT initiative. As you are well aware the USAO in Phoenix wants a US law enforcement officer to view the firearms prior to charging. These firearms have not been previously viewed to the best of my knowledge. This list is only in preparation for the August charging initiative and does not contain every firearms we are alleging or charging.

<u>ATF Case Number</u>	<u>Case Name</u>	<u>Recovery Date</u>	<u>Recovery Location</u>	<u>Firearm type</u>
785115-10-0018	[REDACTED]	4-Aug-10	Nogales, Sonora	FN 5.7 pistol
785115-10-0021	[REDACTED]	21-Apr-10	San Dimas, Durango	Romarm/Cugir 7.62 rifle
163030-10-0012	[REDACTED]	1-Feb-10	Tepic, Nayarit	Barrett .50 caliber rifle
785071-10-0024	[REDACTED]	15-Apr-09	San Miguel, Guerrero	Barrett .50 caliber rifle
785115-10-0023	[REDACTED]	26-Feb-10	Culiacan, Sinaloa	FN PS90 5.7 rifle

Thanks for assistance in this matter,

David Voth
 Group Supervisor
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The 7th?

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GRIT IO Fact Sheet

During the GRIT period Industry Operations Investigators (IOI) in the Phoenix Field Division completed 806 inspections. Those inspections resulted in

1 Revocation was recommended.

109 warning letters or warning conferences were completed

69 licensees voluntarily surrendered their license

During these inspections the IOIs did the following:

reviewed 56,117 ATF Form 4473s for accuracy and trafficking indicators.

Initiated 161 referrals to law enforcement or state and local agencies

Determined the accuracy of licensee records for 43,359 firearms

Reduced the number of unaccounted for firearms from 3,292 to 333

Uncovered 146 unreported multiple sales totaling 379 firearms

Firearms licensees (other than collectors)

AZ 1546

NM 676

Reasons for licensee surrenders:

- 1) Allowed the 'transfer' of his FFL to another business entity (unlicensed). Choose to surrender due to the possibility of revocation.
- 2) FFL stated that he did not make enough money from the business.
- 3) Original application indicated he planned to operate as a corporation. The inspection revealed operation was structured as a sole proprietorship. The FFL was advised that he would need to reapply for a type 01 as a sole proprietor. FFL voluntarily surrendered license.
- 4) FFL surrendered license. FFL was located in an apartment complex and that particular location did not allow him to use the property for any other purpose.
- 5) FFL surrendered license due to poor health.
- 6) FFL surrendered license due to the fact that he discontinued the use of A&D record since 1999 (revocation would have been recommended).
- 7) FFL surrendered license due to financial and undisclosed issues.
- 8) FFL deceased.

OUTREACH

Gun Shows

New Mexico Gun Collectors Association, Albuquerque, NM - attendees 250

Seminars for individual companies:

Wal-Mart, Safford, AZ- attendees 7

Dicks Sporting Goods, Phoenix, AZ- attendees 16

Big 5, Phoenix, AZ – attendees 30

Big 5, Tucson – attendees 17

Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Davis Monthan Air Force Base – Attendees 15



**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Gun Runner Impact Team (GRIT)
Phoenix Field Division
May 1 – August 6, 2010**



Gun Runner Impact Team



- The U.S. Department of Justice's Southwest Border (SWB) Initiative is a focused and comprehensive approach to address the violence inflicted by the Mexican Drug Cartels on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico Border. ATF's part in this initiative is **Project Gunrunner**
- Project Gunrunner's primary goal is to stem the trafficking of firearms to Mexican Drug Cartels by identifying and investigating those responsible and to combat firearms related violence affecting communities on both sides of the border
- Gun Runner Impact Teams (GRIT) were developed as a supplement of ATF resources along the SWB and from May 1 through August 6, 2010 a GRIT was deployed to ATF's Phoenix Field Division. The Phoenix GRIT consisted of 84 ATF personnel including Special Agents, Industry Operations Investigators, and Support Staff from around the country.
- The Phoenix GRIT teams researched and completed 161 investigative leads and initiated/assisted in 128 criminal cases. These efforts resulted in the seizure of 1,136 crime guns.

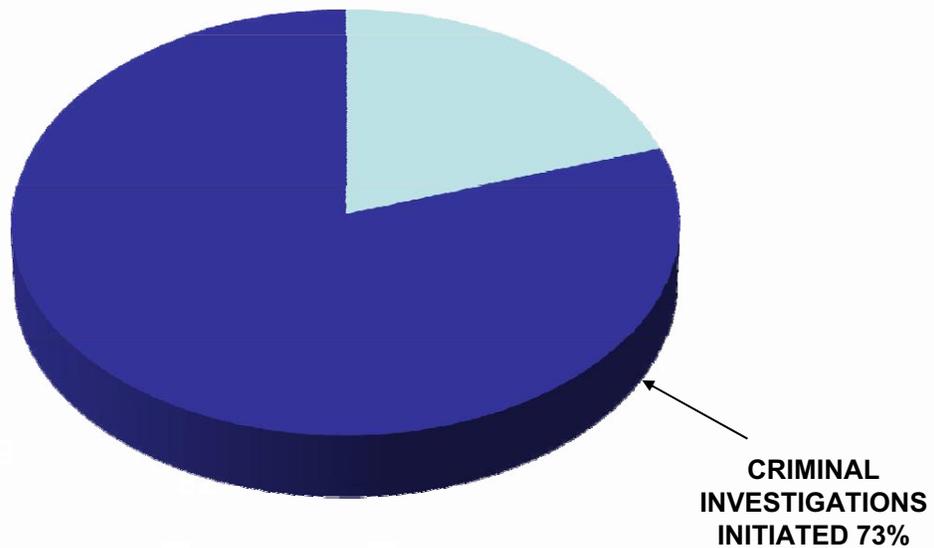
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Leads Investigated/Completed



161 INVESTIGATIVE LEADS - Phoenix GRIT



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Completed Leads



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- Phoenix Gun Runner Impact Teams initiated investigations on 73% of these leads.
- Investigative follow up on all outstanding Intelligence leads is ongoing.

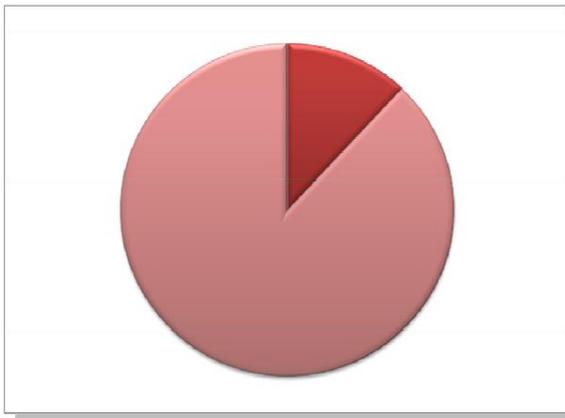
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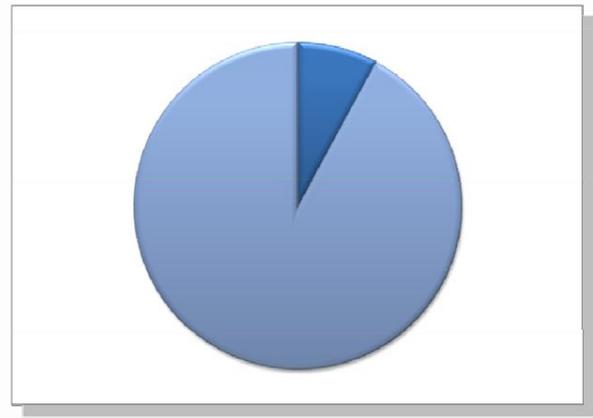
Completed FFL Inspections (GRIT)



Warning Letters / Warning Conferences / Revocation
110



Voluntary Surrender
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Total FFL Inspections – 806

Source – Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives



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When violations of the law and regulations are disclosed during an inspection, a report of violations is issued to the licensee that outlines the discrepancy and the requirements for corrective action. ATF also works to gain cooperation and compliance from federal firearms licensees (FFLs) by issuing warning letters and holding warning conferences. Despite these remedial actions, on rare occasions ATF encounters a licensee who fails to comply with the law and regulations and demonstrates a lack of commitment to improving his or her business practices. In such cases where willfulness is demonstrated, ATF's obligation to protect public safety may require revocation of the federal firearms license.

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PHOENIX GRIT SEIZURES



1136 Firearms Seized



45,919 Rounds of Ammunition Seized



2 Blasting Caps



\$7763 in Currency Seized



676.2 Grams of Cocaine Seized



12 Ounces of Marijuana Seized

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The Mexican Army was involved in a confrontation with 30 gunmen along an unimproved surface road in San Miguel Totolapan, Guerrero, the gunmen attempted to flee. During the military's pursuit 12 of these gunmen were killed and 2 Mexican Army soldiers were seriously wounded.





The Mexican Federal Police located a stash house of high capacity firearms in Nogales, Mexico. Items seized included 24 rifles and 116 magazines



Also seized in the Nogales, Mexico stash house – 1577 rounds of ammunition and 80 kilograms of marijuana.







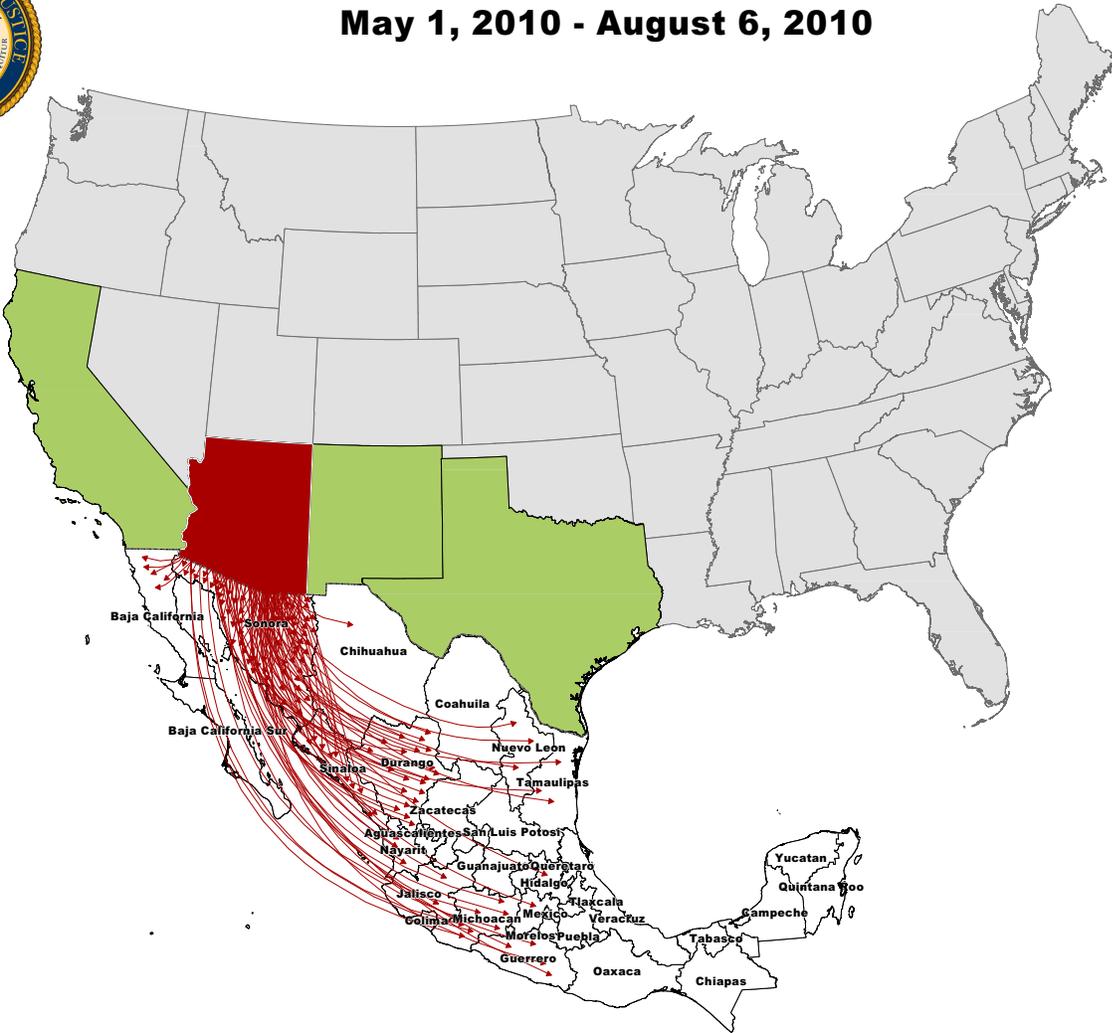


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Arizona Gunrunner Impact Team (GRIT) May 1, 2010 - August 6, 2010



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This "arrow" chart reflects the criminal investigation side of the GRIT. Each arrow represents the ultimate destination of firearms we intercepted and/or where the guns ended up and through firearms tracing we were able to initiate criminal investigations.

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