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December 19, 2012

Via Electronic Transmission

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz Inspector General Office of the Inspector General U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Inspector General Horowitz:

Your office recently completed a review of ATF's Operation Fast and Furious (OIG report). That review specifically assessed the performance of each of the Department of Justice (Department) employees who were most involved in Fast and Furious.

One of those Department employees was former Phoenix ATF Assistant Special Agent in Charge George T. Gillett, Jr. Gillett oversaw Fast and Furious from October 2009 until April 2010. The OIG report "found Gillett's supervision and judgment in Fast and Furious seriously deficient."¹ I understand from public reports that Mr. Gillett, along with other Department employees, is currently under review by ATF's Professional Review Board (PRB) due to the OIG report.

While ATF's PRB continues their review, other issues involving Mr. Gillett have come to my attention. My office recently obtained documentation that is troubling and raises many questions regarding Mr. Gillett's actions during his time in Phoenix, Arizona.

Specifically, documentation appears to indicate that during Operation Fast and Furious, Mr. Gillett made multiple firearm purchases at a Federal Firearm Licensee (FFL) in Phoenix. According to the forms, Mr. Gillett appears to have purchased weapons on December 15, 2009,² January 5, 2010,³ and January 7, 2010.⁴ Documents

¹ Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, "A Review of ATF's Operation Fast and Furious and Related Matters" (Sep. 2012), at 435.

² ATF eTrace Multiple Sales Details, Multiple Sales Number M2009021390 (Dec. 16, 2009) [Attachment 1].

³ ATF eTrace Multiple Sales Details, Multiple Sales Number M20110004046 (Jan. 6, 2011) [Attachment 2].

show the residence listed on the Firearms Transaction Record (Form 4473) for two of the gun purchases was the local Phoenix ATF office. For the third purchase, Gillett listed a commercial shopping center in Phoenix as his residence.⁵ Clearly, the addresses on the forms do not accurately and truthfully reflect Gillett's actual residence in Phoenix.

Lying on a Form 4473 is a felony and can be punished by up to five years in prison, in addition to fines. Many individuals who were arrested in Fast and Furious were charged for lying on the Form 4473. Jaime Avila, Jr. recently plead guilty to a variety of charges, including making false statements in connection with the acquisition of a firearm, and his initial arrest just after Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry's murder was for giving a false address on Form 4473.

One of the most troubling aspects of this new information is that one of the weapons listed as having been purchased by Gillett was recently recovered in Sinaloa, Mexico, the same weekend and in the same area as a shootout between the Mexican military and drug cartel members in Sinaloa, Mexico.

The January 7, 2010, purchase included an FN Herstal 57 Caliber pistol. According to documents, this weapon was recently recovered in an attempted homicide in between Caitime and Mocorito in the Guamuchil area of Sinaloa, Mexico.⁶ Mexico's CENAPI requested the trace from ATF's National Tracing Center on November 29, 2012, and an initial trace was completed on December 4, 2012.⁷ Another trace on the weapon was completed on December 10, 2012, indicating that the purchaser of the weapon was the former ASAC of ATF's office in Phoenix, George Gillett.⁸

Further, this weapon was recovered in the same area and on the same weekend as an AK-47 purchased by Uriel Patino was recovered in Ciudad Guamuchil, Sinaloa, Mexico.⁹ Patino was the most prolific straw purchaser in Fast and Furious, and records indicate that he purchased the AK-47 on March 16, 2010 from the FFL in Phoenix, Arizona referred to in your report as "FFL #1."¹⁰

On the same weekend these two weapons were recovered in the Ciudad Guamuchil area, ABC News reported on a gunfight in the same area between Sinaloa drug cartel members and the Mexican military. The gunfight claimed five lives, including a member of the Mexican military and a Sinaloa beauty queen, Maria Susana

⁴ ATF eTrace Firarm Trace Details, Trace Number T20120323644 (Dec.10, 2012) [Attachment 3]. ⁵ The December 15, 2009, and January 7, 2010, purchases listed "201 E WASHINGTON APT 940, PHOENIX, AZ 85004." The January 5, 2010, purchase listed "7000 N 16TH ST, PHOENIX, AZ 85020."

- ⁶ ATF eTrace Firarm Trace Details, Trace Number T20120323644 (Dec.10, 2012) [Attachment 3].
- 7 ATF Firearms Trace Summary, Trace Number T20120323044 (Dec. 4, 2012) [Attachment 4].

⁸ ATF eTrace Firarm Trace Details, Trace Number T20120323644 (Dec. 10, 2012) [Attachment 3].

9 ATF Firearms Trace Summary, Trace Number T20120323178 (Nov. 29, 2012) [Attachment 5].

¹⁰ ATF Suspect Gun Summary, Suspect Gun Number S20100000386 (Mar. 19, 2010) [Attachment 6].

Flores Gamez. According to ABC News, near Gamez's body, authorities found an AK-47 assault rifle and 60 shell casings.¹¹

In addition to my staff immediately contacting your office about these revelations, they have reached out to ATF as well. I request that you initiate an investigation into these matters and that you specifically examine whether Mr. Gillett was the purchaser as indicated by these documents, why the forms list multiple, inaccurate residential addresses while purchasing the weapons, and how the weapon purchased on January 7, 2010 ended up in Mexico. I have attached the referenced documentation to assist you in your investigation.

This information's implications and its ability to undermine public confidence in the integrity of ATF operations cannot be overstated. Your office needs to work swiftly. There must be a thorough, independent, and public explanation of these circumstances as quickly as possible.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Brian Downey of my Committee staff at (202) 224-5225. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Chuck Analy

Charles E. Grassley Ranking Member

Attachments

cc: The Honorable Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice

The Honorable B. Todd Jones, Acting Director U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

The Honorable Robert S. Mueller, III, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman U.S. Senate, Committee on the Judiciary

The Honorable Darrell E. Issa, Chairman U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

¹¹ Randy Kreider, *Bad Company: Mexican Beauty Queen Killed During Drug Flight*, ABC News (Nov. 27, 2012), available at <u>http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/cartel-military-firefight-kills-mexican-beauty-queen/story?id=17820408.</u>



ate: 12/15/2009 201 E WASHINGTON APT 940 PHOENIX, AZ 85004

Address:



Firearm Information

COLT	Serial Number:	945120
DETECTIVE SPECIAL	Caliber:	38
REVOLVER		
	Country of Origin:	UNITED STATES
RUGER	Serial Number;	372-79029
LCP	Caliber:	380
PISTOL		
	Country of Origin:	UNITED STATES
	DETECTIVE SPECIAL REVOLVER RUGER LCP	DETECTIVE SPECIAL Caliber: REVOLVER Country of Origin: RUGER Serial Number; LCP Caliber: PISTOL

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Dealer: FFL Number:

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Business Name:
Licensee Name:
Address:
Country:
Phone:



Purchaser Information

Purchaser Name:	
Purchase Date:	
Address:	

GILLETT, GEORGE THOMAS JR 01/05/2010 7000 N 16TH ST PHOENIX, AZ 85020



Firearm Information

Firearm: 1			
Manufacturer:	SMITH & WESSON	Serial Number:	9K1693
Model:	19	Caliber:	357
Type:	REVOLVER		
Importer:		Country of Origin:	UNITED STATES
Multiple Sale Note	:		
Firearm: 2			
Manufacturer:	KIMBER	Serial Number:	KU138633
Model:	ULTRA CDP	Caliber:	45
Type;	PISTOL		
Importer:		Country of Origin:	UNITED STATES
Multiple Sale Note	:		

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Trace Number: Status: Completion Date: T20120323644 Completed 12/10/2012

2**3644** Request Date: eTrace User: 2



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Firearm Information

Manufacturer:	F.N. (FN HERSTAL)	Type:	PISTOL
Caliber:	57		
Model:	FIVE-SEVEN		
Serial Number:	386179913	Country of Origin:	BELGIUM
Barrel:		Ballistics No.:	
Finish:			
Importer:			
Obliterated?	No	Removal Code:	
Restored:		Drill Size:	

Identifying Marks: Images Attached: 0

Requestor Information

Law Enforcement Agency MMSN00001 PGR DELEGACIÓN ESTATAL MEXICO CULIACAN , 80140 SINALOA, MEXICO

Officer Last Name:	
Officer Suffix:	
Officer First Name:	
Officer Badge No.:	

Agency Case No.:

Recovery Information

Firearm Recovered Recovery Date: 11/24/2012 Address: CAITIME

Time to Crime: Vehicle Year:

Vehicle Make:

1052 days

MOCORITO, SINALOA MEXICO

Location Type: ON PERSON

Vehicle Model: Vehicle Tag Number: Vehicle Tag State: Vehicle Tag Country:



Contact Name:		Phone:	(972)	
Invoice Number		Transaction	Date: 03/13	/2009
Dealer: 3				
Business Name				
Licensee Name:				
Address:				
FFL Number:		Last Inspect	ion:	
Contact Name:		Phone:	(602)	
Invoice Number	Ý	Transaction	Date:	
Purchaser	Information			
Name:	GEORGE THOMAS GILLET	т	Criminal History?	N/A
Last Known Address:	201 E WASHINGTON ST A PHOENIX, AZ 85004	PT 940	Race:	WHITE
			Sex:	М
Purchase Date:	01/07/2010		Height:	
			Weight:	
DOB:				
POB:	UNITED STATES			
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Country 1:	UNITED STATES			
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Country 2:				
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	W	leapon S	ummary		
	West West	apon Count:	10		
Manufacturer	Model	Caliber	Serial Number	Туре	Importer
ROMARM/CUGIR	COP WASR-10	762	1971DF4636	RIFLE	CENTURY ARMS INC (CAI), ST. ALBANS, VT
ROMARM/CUGIR	GP WASR-10	762	1968BF1283	RIFLE	CENTURY ARMS INC (CAI), ST. ALBANS, VT
ROMARM/CUGIR	GP WASR-10	762	1974DP3429	RIFLE	CENTURY ARMS INC (CAI), ST. ALBANS, VT
ROMARM/CUGIR	GP WASR-10	762	1969BM4171	RIFLE	CENTURY ARMS INC (CAI), ST. ALBANS, VT
ROMARM/CUGIR	GP WASR-10	762	1968BH2430	RIFLE	CENTURY ARMS INC (CAI), ST. ALBANS, VT
ROMARM/CUGIR	GP WASR-10	762	1982ZP5425	RIFLE	CENTURY ARMS INC (CAI), ST. ALBANS, VT
ROMARM/CUGIR	GP WASR-10	762	1969BP1194	RIFLE	CENTURY ARMS INC (CAI), ST. ALBANS, VT
ROMARM/CUGIR	GP WASR-10	762	1968BI3534	RIFLE	CENTURY ARMS INC (CAI), ST. ALBANS, VT

