June 1, 2021

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Dear Ms. Weismann:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Privacy Act request dated July 23, 2020 and received by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) on the same day, in which you requested records regarding documents and communications from June 2, 2020 to the present that explain or pertain to:

1. The decision to deploy federal law enforcement agents, officers, or other personnel in response to the ongoing protests over racial justice in Portland, Oregon and Chicago, Illinois;
2. Any decisions or plans to deploy federal law enforcement agents, officers, or other personnel in response to the ongoing protests over racial justice in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Baltimore, Maryland; Detroit, Michigan; Kansas City, Missouri; New York City; Oakland, California; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
3. Any policies to which law enforcement officers under the auspices of ATF are bound governing the treatment of protesters in the above-mentioned cities.
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This is a rolling production and this is Release THREE. In response to your request, we have reviewed a total of 576 pages, 154 pages were non-responsive or duplicative, 242 pages have been referred in full, and 180 pages are either being released in full, in part, or withheld in full. Of those 180 pages, we are releasing 16 pages in full, 80 pages in part, and withholding 84 pages in full. Each page of this production indicates whether it is being released in full (RIF) or released in part (RIP) or withheld in full (WIF). Individual redactions identify the exemption pursuant to which the redacted material has been withheld.

Please note, the headings, sections, and body of pages 76 through 131 (ATF-00001326) were rearranged when being converted into a PDF file. We were unable to correct this and have separately attached the native file which is the best version of the document we have.

We are withholding deliberative materials in the records you requested under FOIA Exemption (b)(5). FOIA Exemption 5 permits the withholding of “inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency.” FOIA Exemption 5 protects advice, opinions, recommendations, predecisional discussion, and evaluative remarks that are part of the government decision-making process. Release of such predecisional advisory communications would harm the quality of agency decision-making and the policy of encouraging frank, open discussion among agency personnel before making a decision (5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5)).

The most commonly invoked privilege within Exemption 5 is the deliberative process privilege. The general purposes of this privilege are to prevent injury to the quality of agency decisions and to protect government agencies’ decision-making processes. The deliberative process privilege allows agencies to freely explore alternative avenues of action and to engage in internal debates without fear of public scrutiny (Missouri ex rel. Shorr v. United States Army Corps of Engineers, 147 F.3d 708, 710 (8th Cir. 1998)). Exemption 5 protects not merely documents, but also the integrity of the deliberative process itself, where the exposure of that process could result in harm.

We are withholding third party information, including the names of ATF employees, under FOIA Exemption (b)(6). To disclose personal information about a living individual 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)).

At this time, we are withholding information regarding open and ongoing investigative matters under Exemption (b)(7)(A). Exemption (b)(7)(A) authorizes us to withhold investigatory records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.
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We are withholding third party information, for whom you did not provide a waiver for, 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 a third party. 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)).

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaisons, Darryl Webb or Zina Kornegay, at (202) 648-7390, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

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 FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 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.”

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
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Stay safe out there!

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Sir,

For your review.

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times of social and civil unrest or a global pandemic. ATF resources, specifically the Special Agent
across the United States. With the rise in COVID-19 infections, the agency risks approximately 5% of the agent population currently dedicated to these cities.

Outside of the civil unrest and initiatives, over the next 90 days, it is anticipated ATF Special Agents will conduct over 52 criminal enforcement operations in support of the hundreds of complex investigations of criminal organizations and enterprises being conducted.

The following outlines ATF resource distribution in each Field Operations division throughout the country.
• Operation Legend is a sustained, systematic and coordinated law enforcement initiative across all federal law enforcement agencies working in conjunction with state and local law enforcement officials to fight the sudden surge of violent crime, beginning in Kansas City, MO. Operation Legend is named after four-year-old LeGend Taliferro, who was shot and killed while he slept early in the morning of June 29th in Kansas City, the latest in a string of firearms related violence to plague Kansas City in recent weeks. ATF will surge resources to Kansas City in the coming weeks to help state and local officials fight the swell of violent crime. ATF will utilize every available tool, including the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network and firearms tracing to identify, investigate and support the prosecution of the most violent firearm offenders.

Operation Relentless Pursuit

• Operation Relentless Pursuit is an initiative aimed at combating violent crime in seven of America’s most violent cities through a surge in federal resources. ATF is focusing on reducing crime gun related violence through its increased resources in Albuquerque, Baltimore, Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, Memphis, and Milwaukee. Through Relentless Pursuit, ATF is holding accountable the trigger-pullers, firearm traffickers, violent criminals and those who supply them the guns to terrorize our communities.

Southwest Border

• In support of Operation Southbound, ATF will be collaborating with DEA SOD in order to target specific cartel leaders who are responsible for the majority of firearms trafficking to Mexico. ATF is also in the process of developing and delivering an advanced firearms trafficking training curriculum, which will be provided to all the Southbound Task Forces. Additionally, ATF and HSI will continue to conduct virtual ATF-HSI MOU training along the Southwest Border in order to strengthen interagency collaborative efforts. Lastly, ATF is developing an outreach campaign to report and deter firearms trafficking. The outreach campaign will be rolled out in the next 90 days and delivered primarily through social media.

EAST REGION

Atlanta Field Division

• The Atlanta Field Division will focus on bringing several international firearms trafficking cases to a close. These cases involve firearm trafficking to the United Kingdom, St. Lucia, Haiti, Canada and Mexico. In addition, several domestic firearm trafficking cases are currently under investigation. These investigations involve complex surveillance of suspicious firearm acquisitions usually resulting in interdiction of firearms destined for the illicit market.
• A multi-defendant arrest operation will occur in Savannah, Georgia, in August or September. This operation will involve the arrest of approximately 40-60 individuals for firearm and narcotic violations. This investigation is part of ATF’s Project Guardian effort to reduce gun violence in communities surrounding Savannah, Georgia.
• The Atlanta Field Division is also continuing investigative work on commercial structure fires that occurred as a result of civil unrest occurring at the end of May 2020. This work is being done in conjunction with the Atlanta Fire Department and the Georgia State Fire Marshal’s Office.
• During the next 90 days, the main focus will be on crime gun intelligence led investigations in support of Operation Relentless Pursuit. ATF Baltimore has been able to leverage the additional resources for this initiative to create a new enforcement group in Baltimore – The Crime Gun Enforcement Team. The Crime Gun Enforcement Team will be the operational component of the current Crime Gun Intelligence Center to follow up on all crime gun intelligence leads. This methodology has already been in place based on the recent efforts of the CGIC. For example, the CGIC has conducted investigations on commercial robberies and carjackings that have NIBIN Leads. These investigations and prosecutions by the United States Attorney’s Office (USAO) have helped decrease these incidents in the city of Baltimore. At this time, commercial robberies are down 28% and carjackings are down 19% from this same time last year. The effort has been so robust, there is discussion about creating a Carjacking Task Force with the Baltimore Police Department and implement detectives as Task Force Officers.

• The Baltimore Field Division is also working with primary stakeholders in the Baltimore Police Department, the USAO, and the Office of the State Attorney to exploit crime gun intelligence to identify, investigate, and prosecute suspects that are committing violent crime in the city of Baltimore. During COVID-19, these stakeholders have been finalizing the methodology and protocols and they will be implemented in the near future to coincide with Operation Relentless Pursuit. In addition, one of the Baltimore Groups is assigned to the OCDETF Strike Force and has ongoing investigations related to armed drug trafficking organizations. This group uses information from crime gun intelligence to be laser focus on the groups that are committing acts of violence to support their drug trafficking organizations.

• Special Response Team operation planned to gather evidence regarding a subject involved in a homicide and the related NIBIN links. This investigation is being worked with the Baltimore County Police in order to obtain the necessary evidence to charge this subject with homicide.

• Firearms trafficking investigation scheduled for indictment in Eastern District of Virginia. Additionally, actively investigating additional individuals trafficking firearms from Kentucky to Maryland. Further, have an investigation of firearms being trafficked from Georgia to Maryland. Anticipate numerous Search Warrants being executed relative to vehicles and phones, and numerous interviews being conducted in Georgia of firearms purchasers. Presently, AUSA wants to move forward with charges in 30-60 days.

• Have an upcoming motions hearing on a felon in possession of a firearm prosecution involving a Privately Made Firearm.

• A juvenile carjacking crew that have been committing crimes in numerous jurisdictions will be moving toward charges with the Attorney General’s office in the next couple weeks to finalize charges. Anticipate case conclusion within 60-90 days.

• Ongoing violent repeat offender investigation, grand jury indictments and up to five Search Warrant executions within the next 60-90 days. Suspect is on the street and has an active federal arrest warrant out of Georgia.

• Assist with HSI Operation Silent Night SW execution within 30 days.

• OCDETF investigation initiated with BPD and DEA on a violent Drug Trafficking Organization. Investigative activities include supporting narcotic purchases made by BPD and DEA, conducting firearms purchases, utilizing pole cameras, GPS trackers, UC/CI operations. Currently have an open investigation into a different violent DTO where there has been some recent violence involved, to include a shooting captured on an ATF pole camera. Agents are currently working
with the USAO to plan grand jury in hopes of an anticipated takedown within the next 30-60 days. The group also has several NIBIN lead investigations, with homicide, robbery and/or carjackings involved that are continuing to be investigated.

- Ongoing Molotov Cocktail Investigation with a superseding indictment for Title 26 USC, Section 5861(d) pending lab and determination results. Ongoing investigation of a gang member is scheduled for federal grand jury for carjacking, conspiracy, and possession of firearms by convicted felon. The suspect is also a suspect in a homicide of another gang member and state homicide charges are anticipated.

- Currently working with the Office of the State Fire Marshall, on a double commercial arson fire in Bel Air, MD. Loss estimate for this incident is in excess of $1 million. Investigators have been able to link the suspect to several additional incendiary/arson fires in the States of Maryland and Delaware.

**Boston Field Division**

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**Charlotte Field Division**

- Over the next 90 days, the Charlotte Field Division will continue to focus on the utilization of Crime Gun Intelligence (CGI) to reduce violent crime throughout all of North and South Carolina (b)(7)(A)

- T-III investigation of an armed, violent DTO whose known overt acts and criminal activity since January 2019 have affected North Carolina as well as, California, Texas, and Virginia. To date, investigators have seized numerous quantities of illegal narcotics, 20 firearms, and approx. $215,000 in U.S. currency (pending approval from OEO).
• Investigation into three (3) major FFL burglaries that occurred during the period of civil unrest, in and around, Fayetteville at Aces Pawn, Walmart, and Academy Sports totaling approximately 161 stolen firearms. Agents/investigators have identified numerous suspects in all three incidents with the help of video/surveillance footage. The Charlotte FD has worked with local media and ATF Public Affairs Division to release the footage to garner more tips.

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Miami Field Division

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Newark Field Division

- Operation Sweet 16 (OCDETF-TIII) - anticipated takedown September 2020. 15-20 arrests anticipated with numerous search warrants. This investigation involves a violent gang responsible for shootings, murders and violent assaults in the east coast region of the U.S. and beyond. Expected to span multiple field divisions. Ongoing monitoring, surveillance and proactive activities continuing daily.
- Jersey City VICAR (Rutgers/300) – anticipated arrests in August 2020. Number of arrests TBD. Will have support from Jersey City PD and Hudson County Prosecutor’s Office. Charging documents being drafted by AUSA.

New York Field Division

- The NYFD will focus investigative efforts on targeting criminal groups and gangs that engage in the illegal use, possession and trafficking of firearms in furtherance of their respective organizations and ongoing criminal activities; these efforts have and will continue to focus on violent narcotics trafficking organizations as well as commercial robbery rings operating throughout NY State. ATF NY will continue to maximize its’ partnerships with other Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to focus efforts on targeting the most violent offenders of these organizations that drive violent crime in our AOR. Specifically, NYFD will use both traditional methods of controlled purchases, surveillances, Title III interceptions and arrest
operations as well as the direct coordination with the NYFD CGIC to exploit the use of NIBIN and Trace data to link violent crimes and historical criminal activities to particular gang members and their associates in order to perfect federal/state cases.

- NYFD will continue to carry out all investigative responsibility in regards to Arson and Explosives incidents occurring within the state; with particular emphasis on those occurring in direct proximity to "civil unrest" activities or having a direct impact on Federal facilities or property i.e. monuments, occurring across the State of NY.

**Philadelphia Field Division**

- Firearm Trafficking initiative in the City of Philadelphia, concentrating in the Philadelphia Police Department, East Detective Division. The Field Division continues to investigate over 100 ATM explosive/M Device incidents and 40 suspected arson crimes involving police vehicles and commercial structures during the civil unrest period.

**Tampa Field Division**

- Tampa FD will provide Logistical and Subject Matter Expertise Support to the RNC, August 23-28, 2020.
- The Field Division is following NIBIN leads involved in at least nine linked shooting that are allegedly gang related.
- Violent Crime Initiative – Organized by the Northern District of Florida USAO and involves resources from ATF, DEA, Escambia County Sheriff’s Office and the Pensacola Police Department. Due to the recent uptick in violent crime involving the use of a firearm, ATF and
DEA have been asked to combine investigative resources to target violent offenders and gather information related to recent shootings/homicides.

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- Operation Double Impact for the city of Fort Myers pending change in COVID stance (Joint Operation involving detailing TFD SAs into the region to augment current staffing levels. Goal is to positively impact recent rise in drug/gang related shootings.)

Washington Field Division

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Notable cases related to civil unrest arsons include:
- Investigation ongoing
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CENTRAL REGION

Chicago Field Division

- Milwaukee ORP will be utilizing a two prong strategy and Enhanced CGI follow up in partnership with Milwaukee PD, focusing on firearms trafficking and shootings/homicides.
- Operation in support of security during DNC, which is to be held in August in Milwaukee. DNC appears to be scaling back to much more virtual than originally planned.
- Chicago Summer Crime Initiative will involve ATF and CPD TFOs working directly with CPD district personnel to interview and arrest firearms possessors. Agents will work directly with the USAO to immediately prosecute violent offenders in violation of 922(g)/924(c) thus effectively removing them from the streets and ideally gaining real time actionable intelligence on others involved in acts of violence and those who arm them. Will include work through the weekends and close coordination with District Commanders. Also exploring bringing the NIBIN van to Chicago.
- Currently working to formalize a strategy with USAO NDIL and NDIN to prosecute those who obtain and provide firearms to violent criminals in Chicago, have refined strategy for trafficking referrals with the CGIC within the past month.
- Currently 53 arsons under investigation in Chicago related to civil unrest. Agents continue to work to identify those responsible and submit for prosecution

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Planned Takedowns include:
- Eight defendants and five search warrants related to the Fred Morgan DTO takedown in August
- Three defendants and three search warrants related to Operation Last Dance
- Three defendants related to Operation Black Forest.
- Pending Indictments pertaining to approximately 10 investigations, five PSN-type investigations and two NICS standard denial investigations.
Six arrest warrants and three search warrants related to the Gary Initiative are planned for the foreseeable future.

11 arrest warrants and 14 search warrants are planned related to Sin City investigation.

Three arrest warrants and three search warrants are planned related to Fire in the Valley investigation.

Columbus Field Division

ATF has opened approximately 14 arson-related investigations after the May 30, 2020 riots and civil unrest that occurred in downtown Cleveland. Government property and commercial establishments took the brunt of the damage during this civil unrest with numerous arsons or attempted arsons. Copious amounts of evidence still needs to be processed and examined to determine the identity of those responsible for the violent arson crimes. Thus, we plan to use some of the ORP Phase 2 resources to perfect these cases.

Due to COVID-19 and other reasons, Columbus FD is not receiving a high volume of timely NIBIN leads. To counteract the timeliness defect, Columbus FD developed a NIBIN Hot List. This Hot List names individuals who repeatedly appear in NIBIN leads (either as suspects, victims, or witnesses). These individuals have one thing in common – they are around numerous shooting events. The targets identified on the Hot List are vetted with the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor’s Office – Crime Strategies Unit to insure they are worthy and viable targets. Besides the Hot List, we also plan to utilize ORP Phase 2 resources on investigating any timely and actionable NIBIN Leads. Columbus FD has submitted a memo requesting the NIBIN van to be stationed at the Cleveland Division of Police Fourth District Headquarters, where a ShotSpotter detection system is scheduled to installed and activated in August 2020. In addition to NIBIN investigations, Columbus FD will use Phase 2 resources to investigate potential firearms traffickers developed from a review of NTC and other records. The Columbus FD already has several potential firearms traffickers identified and preliminary investigations have begun on some of these suspects.

Detroit Field Division
On July 15, 2020, Detroit Field Division will begin Operation Relentless Pursuit. As part of this initiative, ATF will devote enforcement resources to the sixth and eighth precincts within the Detroit Police Department targeting shooters and violent repeat offenders for Federal prosecution. These precincts were identified through data analysis of shootings, homicides, firearms traces and firearm recoveries in the city of Detroit. ATF will be conducting controlled purchases of firearms and narcotics from violent offenders as well as proactively identifying and targeting suspects with established NIBIN links to unsolved fatal and non-fatal shootings in Detroit for federal prosecution. It is anticipated that multiple search warrants and arrest warrants will be executed throughout this 90-day period.

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Kansas City Field Division

- ATF is participating in Operation Relentless Pursuit in Kansas City, MO and Kansas City, KS. This effort is in partnership with all local and Federal LE agencies along with the USAO in the Western District of MO and the District of Kansas. Phase II of this operation is set to begin July 15th. ATF is detailing seven special agents to augment local resources during phase two. ATF is aligning these resources to the Kansas City Missouri Police Department Aggravated Assault Unit and the Kansas City Kansas Police Department Gang Unit. By the end of August, the Kansas City Field Division will have established a new enforcement group in Kansas City to sustain the violence reduction efforts of the ORP initiative.

- ATF is participating in Operation Legend in Kansas City, MO. This effort is in partnership with the Kansas City, MO Police Department, all Federal LE agencies along with the USAO in the Western District of MO. This operation is set to begin July 20th. ATF is detailing 30 special agents and 3 support personnel for this operation. ATF will align these resources with existing ATF enforcement groups in Kansas City and units within the KCMO police department. The primary focus will be in homicide and non-fatal shooting suspects. In addition, ATF will continue several long term violent gang investigations underway in Kansas City. We anticipate that two if these investigations will be indicted with approximately 35 Federal and State defendants during
Operation Legend and ORP initiatives. Several of these defendants are suspects in homicides and non-fatal shootings.

Louisville Field Division

- Within the next 30 days, it is anticipated the Kentucky Attorney General’s Office will make an announcement regarding the shooting death of Breanna Taylor during a Louisville Metro Police drug investigation. We anticipate that protests and possible violence (rioting) may ensue if the AG publicly declares that the officers will not be indicted for any wrong doing regarding that event, whereby the Mayor’s office and LMPD will follow with not firing of additional officers. This information is likely to inflame the public and rekindle the protest activities in Louisville. LFD management has met with the LMPD, the Mayor’s Office, Kentucky State Police, and other Federal Partners to develop a response plan if necessary. Anticipated response includes intel support to the Metro Safe Emergency Operations Center and post incident investigative response to firearms offenses, arsons, explosives incidents and other federal crimes of violence. The Breanna Taylor incident is the only remaining unresolved national incident connected to widespread civil unrest.

- It is anticipated indictments/superseding indictments will be sought for people responsible for the recent burglaries of FFLs in the city of Louisville and another defendant on wire fraud and identity theft charges.

- The Louisville Violent Crime Initiative is a collaboration with LMPD Homicide unit to focus ATF resources on non-fatal shootings and homicides connected to gang members and neighborhood crews. Initiative relies on intel lead policing, NIBIN, and proactive investigative strategies and will involve embedding ATF Agents in LMPD Homicide.
• Anticipate 15 federal indictments in the next 45 days for firearms offenses related to firearms trafficking and unlicensed dealing. This is a joint investigation with the McCracken County S.O. and will involve approximately six search and arrest warrants.
• OCDETF investigation/multi-defendant roundup planned for August 2020.

Nashville Field Division
• As of July 13th, 2020 the city of Memphis has recorded 127 homicides in comparison to 97 the same time last year. The Memphis Police Department provides service to the city of Memphis via nine police Stations: Tillman, Crump, Airways, Old Allen, North Main, Appling Farms, Raines, Ridgeway and Mt. Moriah. In an effort to address the increased violent crime trends, ATF in partnership with the MPD will specifically focus its investigative efforts in the following police precincts over a 90 day period: Ridgeway Precinct, Raines Precinct, Mt. Moriah Precinct. ATF will initiate a multi-pronged, concentrated effort over 90 days, starting on July 15th, 2020 with the goal of reducing firearms related violent crime in the metropolitan areas of Memphis, Tennessee. To accomplish this mission, four ATF Criminal Enforcement Groups, ATF Industry Operations, ATF CGIC in partnership with law enforcement personnel from the city of Memphis, TN will deploy a strategic/intelligence led initiative. This initiative is designed to have maximum flexibility to respond to on-going firearms related violence, utilizing actionable crime gun intelligence, NIBIN and Firearms Trace data in a pro-active manner to direct and drive all investigative activity. The overall mission objective of this initiative is very straight forward: Identify, Focus on and Prosecute the “CRIME DRIVERS”.
• The ATF Middle and Eastern Tennessee 90-Day Violent Crime Initiative will initiate a multi-pronged, concentrated effort over 90 days with the goal of reducing firearms related violent crime in their respective areas of responsibility.
• Nashville Field Division will continue providing support to state and local partners in multiple ways, including the use of the CGIC for social media monitoring of plans for civil unrest in the Columbia, TN area. Open proactive investigations of armed violent felons/gang members in Murfreesboro, Clarksville and Columbia TN areas. Continue preparing cases for indictments, for when US District Courts open again in Middle TN. Remain prepared to respond to any significant arson / explosives related incidents.

• Nashville Field Division will continue work on multiple open criminal investigations and prepare Recommendations for Prosecution for USAO. Prepare Criminal Complaints, execute arrest warrants, and attend initial appearances on ATF defendants. Prepare Multi-defendant indictments on ATF-led OCDETF case Crip Walking to Cali and execute arrest warrants. Renew HIDTA agreement with Anderson Co, TN. Host 5-day Post Blast Investigation course for area Law Enforcement.

• Nashville Field Division will continue work with East Ridge Police Department on an Armed Drug Trafficking Organization. Additionally agents are working with USAO and DEA to initiate an ATF led OCDETF investigation. Continue investigation into armed drug traffickers in the Aryan Nation. Continue to prepare multi-defendant indictments on ATF-led prosecutions of armed violent felons

• ATF Alabama 90-Day Violent Crime Initiative will be assisting the “standing-up” of a new NIBIN site at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa by providing personnel to enter acquisitions and train new acquisition specialists, along with providing analysis of NIBIN leads as they are created. ATF will continue to support the deployment of the NIBIN van, currently located at the Oxford AL Police Department through NIBIN analysis and lead creation.

• Birmingham III will also finalize the setup, administer training, and establish the crime gun intelligence investigative structure for the recently acquired NIBIN machine in Tuscaloosa, AL. This NIBIN machine will initially only serve Tuscaloosa County but will be expanded to cover over five counties in West Alabama, thereby supplementing the already robust NIBIN coverage in the State of Alabama.

• The Middle District of Alabama Federal Grand Jury will be consecutively indicting multiple drug dealers and convicted felons in the Montgomery area that have been involved in firearms related violent crime. Agents will then conduct a mass round up in Montgomery the week of July 20, 2020. Federal Grand Juries over the next 90 days will be limited to 20 indictments. Agents will partner with the US Marshals in the apprehension of subjects with outstanding Federal Warrants.

New Orleans Field Division

• New Orleans Field Division is providing personnel to ORP, Op Legend and UNGA
• Averaging 30 NICS referrals a week, and 5-10 FFL thefts per month
• A Title III investigation trial, multiple defendants, scheduled for October.
Round up with FBI (Joint OCDETF Case) planned for 7/31/2020.

Indictments anticipated in August or September for the remaining 20+ defendants from Hot Springs operation.

St. Paul Field Division

- All available Special Agents assigned in the Twin Cities metropolitan area will remain fully engaged in the follow up investigations of the more than 150 commercial arsons that occurred during the civil unrest the week of May 25-30, 2020. Agents have and will continue to follow up on actionable leads generated from the public, physical evidence submitted to ATF’s Forensic Laboratory, execution of social media and residential search warrants, and the review of hundreds of hours of video to identify and arrest arsonist. Since the last week of May, the SPFD has charged 17 individuals related to their involvement in the arsons that occurred throughout the Twin Cities, with additional evidence being gathered on multiple suspects.

- In addition to the unprecedented amount of arson investigative follow up that is ongoing, eight of the twelve SAs are currently assigned are working directly in support of the United States Attorney’s Office - Twin Cities Violent Crime Task Force. This Task Force formed July 8, 2020 is designed to mitigate the extraordinary spike in violent gun crime that has occurred in the Twin Cities Metropolitan area since Memorial Day. The city of Minneapolis alone has experienced more than 111 gunshot victims since May 25, 2020. The Task Force is comprised of federal and state law enforcement resources to assist local law enforcement in investigating, arresting, and prosecuting individuals responsible for gun violence. Until further notice, the two SPFD assigned Assistant Special Agents in Charge and one Intelligence Research Specialist is assigned to the Multi-Agency Command and Coordination Center for this effort. One Group Supervisor and four SAs are assigned and working directly with the Minneapolis Gun Investigation Unit and four SAs are assigned and are working directly with St. Paul Police Department. The remaining four SAs are assisting throughout the metropolitan area as subject matter experts in various specialties. Since its inception on July 8, 2020, SPFD agents have initiated investigations of 27 individuals responsible for various violent gun related crimes, illegal firearms possession, and firearms theft and trafficking. Eleven of the twenty-seven individuals have been arrested and are currently in custody for either state or federal firearms related charges. Over the past week alone, the SPFD made five federal arrests, with four pending arrests this week related to the cases highlighted above. An additional seven cases are awaiting acceptance by the USAO.
WEST REGION

Dallas Field Division

- In the next 90 days, the Dallas Field Division will focus its resources on combatting violent crime in the City of Dallas. Dallas has experienced over 100 homicides year to date and non-fatal shootings plague several Dallas neighborhoods. Agents and TFOs will work closely with the Dallas Police Gang Unit, Dallas Homicide, and various patrol elements to concentrate efforts on areas where violent crime is the highest and work to identify and prosecute those individuals responsible.
- The Dallas Field Division will have four monitored cases and will be responsible for the arrest of 20 firearms trafficking suspects.
- The Dallas Field Division is assisting USMS with Operation Triple Beam starting July 20, 2020 through August 17, 2020. It will be an initiative to arrest known gang members with outstanding warrants in Oklahoma City. ATF will be utilizing the NIBIN mobile command unit in support of Operation Triple Beam. All firearms seized as a result of the operation will immediately be taken to the NIBIN MCU for test firing and entry.
- Dallas Field Division has a round-up of the following OCDETF Investigations:
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Denver Field Division

- Denver FD personnel will be supporting a USMS/USAO Project Guardian initiative in Gillette, WY the week of August 24-28. This is essentially a fugitive round up where the FD will be supporting the apprehensions as well as investigating any new Federal violations that arise from those arrests that fall within our primary jurisdiction.
- Planned fugitive operation for the week of August 24-28, 2020 in Campbell County and NE Wyoming. The objective will be to reduce the number of outstanding felony federal, state and local warrants and investigate any federal crimes that arise out of the fugitive investigations. The USMS will be the lead agency on this operation and will complete an operational plan and make team assignments.
- In previous PSN and Project Guardian meetings with the USAO, we have identified five specific target areas to focus on: Campbell County, Natrona County, Sweetwater County, Fremont County and Laramie County.
- The Denver Field Division will continue to initiate forensic led policing (NIBIN and eTrace) investigations. Continue to assist Denver and Aurora PD Homicide units in conducting and perfecting federal cases that arise out of murders.
• Denver FD is also working on two international trafficking cases—Haiti and Mali, and will be submitting monitored case initiations.

Houston Field Division

• The Houston Field Division anticipates federal charges for two suspects who purchased firearms recovered in the recent Mexico City assassination attempt.
• One suspect will be charged for shooting at the Houston Police Department Southeast station during the recent civil unrest. The case was investigated by the ATF Houston Crime Gun Strike Force after they received a NIBIN lead from an open aggravated assault case. An additional suspect will be charged with deadly conduct.

Los Angeles Field Division

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- Arrest of approximately 20 Northwest and West Park gang members on federal drug and possibly state gang charges. Case is awaiting AUSA review of reports and determination of charges. Anticipated indictments within 90 days.

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- Sake House Fire (Arson during civil unrest); Grand Jury is scheduled for July 14, 2020. Main suspect will be indicted for Arson (18 USC 844f). Two additional suspects were arrested by local PD for theft/looting and facing state charges.
• Anticipates deploying CFI’s and other assets to assist NCIS with the USS Bonhomme Richard fire, specifically, to provide technical expertise as it pertains to the fire’s Origin & Cause, whether it be classified as incendiary, accidental or undetermined.

Phoenix Field Division

• Operation Relentless Pursuit ongoing in Albuquerque, NM.
• Phoenix Field Division anticipates multiple arrest and search warrants on an ongoing historical NIBIN investigation. ATF SRT has assisted with three search warrant services in the past several months related to these investigations.
• Firearm Trafficking Historical Investigation; anticipate having multiple search warrants to gain additional evidence in perfecting a historical firearms trafficking organization investigation for prosecution.

San Francisco Field Division

• In the summer of 2019, the USAO NDC created a multi-agency Federal Initiative to counter the violence in the Tenderloin neighborhoods of San Francisco. This initiative is led by the USAO NDC. The Tenderloin District encompasses the Tenderloin and Market Street areas of San Francisco. Historically, these areas have had a high frequency of narcotics trafficking and firearms-related criminal activity
• ATF, with state and federal partners, have completed numerous operations in the area to include arrest and search warrants related to approximately 40 defendants. Enforcement operations are conducted regularly as evidence is secured for the respective defendants. Operations are planned to cease early FY21 and a planned for takedown of any outstanding defendants is anticipated in October 2020. All criminal adjudications are being coordinated through USAO NDC.

Seattle Field Division

• The Seattle Field Division has one SRT operation that is scheduled for July 17 but will most likely be postponed until the week of July 20 for a violent target associated with an FFL theft.
• SFD has several agents deployed for ORP and Legend.
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To: Lombardo, Regina @atf.gov
Cc: Richardson, Marvin G. @atf.gov
From: Allen, Joseph J.
Sent: Mon 6/22/2020 5:42:37 AM
Subject: RE: Agenda and Attachments for the Monthly

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Regg & Marvin, Agenda annotated with bullet points attached. Summaries are in BLUE font. Will be standing by in the morning before the call if you have any questions.

Thanks, Joe

From: Lombardo, Regina @atf.gov
Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 6:31 PM
To: Allen, Joseph J. @atf.gov
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Subject: Re: Agenda and Attachments for the Monthly

Joe. Is it possible to have bullets and discussion for tomorrow's meeting. I have a Skype of new SAs right before so we need a bit more time to have my talking points set.
Tonight late or early am.

Happy Father's Day. I know you are missing your father today as well. I'm sorry.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 19, 2020, at 3:39 PM, Allen, Joseph J. wrote:

Regg and Marvin, The agenda and attachments for Monday in the format requested by ODAG. I'll send the internal bullet points as soon as HRPD summary is ready.

Thanks, Joe
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Our evening update attached. Hope the calm holds through the night.

Take care,
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p. 2 propane tanks recovered
p. 4 good info on IIDs / molotovs

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p. 2 propane tanks (think the same one you were already aware of).  
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Situation report as of 2000 hrs and Arson and FFL Burg Tracking Report as of 1700 hrs
On Jun 6, 2020, at 10:22 AM, [REDACTED]@atf.gov> wrote:

Situation report only as of 1000 hrs. Tracking report at 2000 hrs.
<Situation Report 6-6-2020 - 1000 hrs.pdf>

On Jun 5, 2020, at 8:37 PM, [REDACTED]@atf.gov> wrote:

Situation Report as of 2000 hrs
New attachment tracking daily arsons and FFL burglaries. This report will continue on a daily basis to track upward and downward trends based on live VCC entries.

Please continue to be precise in VCC entries to provide live-time tracking reports.

Thank you.
<report for and including 6-5-20 VCC Civil Unrest Data national report.pdf>

On Jun 5, 2020, at 11:01 AM, [REDACTED]@atf.gov> wrote:

Situation report as of 1000hrs.
On Jun 4, 2020, at 10:42 PM, FMS Chief/FO CoS @atf.gov wrote:

Situation Report as of 2000 hrs

On Jun 4, 2020, at 9:13 AM, Kwak, @atf.gov wrote:

Situation report as of 0900 hrs

On Jun 4, 2020, at 6:04 AM, FMS Chief/FO CoS @atf.gov wrote:

Situation report as of 0600
On Jun 4, 2020, at 1:11 AM, [email protected] wrote:

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On Jun 3, 2020, at 3:53 PM, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) wrote:

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On Jun 2, 2020, at 10:12 PM, @atf.gov wrote:
Large increases due to a couple CGICs scrubbing VCC with more accurate information.

Situation report as of 2100 hrs
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On Jun 2, 2020, at 6:56 PM
Situation Report as of 1900 hrs.

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On June 2, 2020, at 8:57 AM.
Situation Report as of 0500 hours 06/02/20
Perfectly thank you very much. You were on my list yesterday to reach out to, but I was still dealing with admin stuff late and totally wiped by the end of the day.

Everything you mentioned is good to go and I appreciate the heads up. I hope this remote telework helps with the transition and I appreciate you being proactive on getting integrated. Keep track of all that you’re doing OSI-IIS related for the weekly reports due to me by 1100 hrs every Wednesday. If you can get it to me sooner the better. I know I’ve sent it to you in the past, but here is the most recent WAR that you can reference as a go-by on what info to send me.

I’ll reach out to you later this week just to touch base. Any questions or issues feel free to call email or text me anytime...no issues at all. Thanks again!

Best regards,

Deputy Division Chief
ATF OSI-IIS

Good Morning 😊

It’s June 8th, and I’m reporting for duty! 😊 I hope you and your wife are doing well. I know it has been an extremely hectic couple of weeks for you and the rest of the guys/gals in our Directorate. Thank you all for your hard work. I’m sure some R&R is in order and thus, I’ll keep this email brief.

To fill you in with the status of my transition, I met with realtor yesterday – Finally! Tomorrow, his photographer will take photos of my house and by Friday, my house should be on the market. I’m hoping to take my house hunting trip at the end of this month or on the first week of July. We still have some work to do (de-cluttering and touching up) to have our house “show ready,” but we’re getting there. My wife was offered and accepted a job two weeks ago, so we’re excited about that. That is one less stress to worry about. She’s required to be at orientation on July 27th, which is a little sooner than anticipated but we’ll work with it.

As a FYI, my local US Attorney’s Office is aware that I will be in the Ft. Myers area until the end of July. I still have cases pending at various stages of prosecution, so I told them that if they needed me to testify or be present at a court proceedings, I’d make myself available. I hope you have no issues with that.

I’m still pending SCI/TSS access. I now have access to LEEP and DEASIL (EPIC). I’ve completed all required online training courses. I’ll continue to attend all Webex/Skype weekly meetings. Please let me know if there is anything else needed from me at this time.
Thank you,
Really sorry about that. Please take a look and let me know if you need me to do anything else.

Thank you again!
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