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Craig,

ATF Yuma has received information from ATF McAllen that an individual in Yuma has ordered 120 grenade bodies from an internet company out of New York. This information is coming from the ATF case in McAllen in which the improvised grenades were purchased last month. As it turns out ATF has been looking at this guy since 2004 related to AK47 purchases. It is believed that he is trafficking them into Mexico. Attached are driver's license from California and Mazatlan, Sinaloa Mexico. Belonging to the suspect.

This individual is known to own property in Mazatlan and travels back and forth from Yuma on a regular basis. When he is in Yuma he is staying with his mother. It is his mother's address that he used when ordering these grenade bodies. ATF Yuma has arranged to intercept the delivery of the grenade bodies. Since we don't know if he is planning on building the grenades here in Yuma or simply transporting the empty grenade bodies into Mexico and have them built there, we have decided to intercept, tag and conduct a controlled delivery of these items this week. Currently we have no ATF violations on this individual and he is not prohibited.

We are going to use a method in which RC-3 (see attached document), developed by the ATF lab, to mark these grenade bodies. This will involve RC-3. We are going to also use paint, not visible unless under black light to coat the threads of the grenade bodies as well as the grenade safety lever. This will give us immediate field verification that we are dealing with one of the tagged grenades. We then will do a controlled delivery of these items.

If the individual builds up the grenades in Yuma we will of course intercept them before he crosses the border, if we can. But since we can't sit on him 24/7 for an extended period of time or in the event that he simply takes these empty hulls into Mexico we will at least through this process be able to tie any recoveries of these grenades back to him. Even in a post blast, as long as the safety lever is recovered we will be able to identify these tagged grenades. All of ETB working the US side of the border will be on the look-out for these items as well as the border agents. And we of course will be looking for them in Mexico. The AUSA office here in Phoenix is also on board.

Could we run a check on the driver's license information provided to see what is known about his activities in Mexico such as property or business he either owns or operates? ATF Yuma does not think he is working alone in Mexico. In case the photos are not clear enough the information is as follows:

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RC-3 is a new process that we are trying. Our only problem is ensuring that the right people in the right places are made aware of this and report any recoveries to us. And as you can imagine we need to also keep this information very close and not disseminate it out to the world. As of now the only ones in Mexico that is aware of this is those listed in this email. We may need at some point to inform someone in the GOM about this to ensure access to recovered grenades of this type. I will leave that up to you guys to decide how to handle that. ICE has learned of our interception of these grenade hulls, not sure how, but they do not know of our tagging plan.

I am traveling to Yuma tomorrow morning. If you have questions call me. If you can run the information provided about the suspect and the address in Mazatlan let me know and I will pass it onto the case agent.

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