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## **ATF SEIZES 3,300 FIREARMS AND 1.6 MILLION ROUNDS OF AMMO FROM GUN DEALERSHIPS IN COMPTON, OAK VIEW**

LOS ANGELES – Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) personnel are processing thousands of firearms and more than a million rounds of ammunition following Thursday's arrest of two Southern California men on charges of selling firearms illegally from a Compton gun dealer, Los Angeles ATF Special Agent in Charge John A. Torres announced today.

"The enforcement operation executed at Boulevard Sales and Service is the result of criminal violations committed by the business owners and the employees," Torres said. "The seizure of the firearm inventory occurs when violations of the law have been established, or deliberate and repeated violations committed by the licensee during the inspection process are not corrected."

In addition to arresting Stephen P. Virgilio, 36, of Huntington Beach, and Carlos Rodriguez Castellanos, 52, of Downey, both of whom worked at the Compton dealer, ATF seized 3,000 firearms and 1.6 million rounds of ammunition from the Compton store and 390 firearms and 27,000 rounds of ammunition from the Boulevard Sales and Service in Oak View.

"When ATF becomes aware of criminal violations occurring at a federal firearms licensee's business, we will take swift action to prevent firearms and ammunition from ending up in the hands of the wrong people," Torres said. "It is our highest priority to keep our communities safe."

In order to file a claim for the return of a seized firearm, owners should call **1-800-283-4867** and provide their name, address and telephone number. A claim form will be mailed to them from ATF Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The claim form must be returned to ATF within 35 days from the date of the mailing.

"It is our goal to return those firearms belonging to the firearms community as quickly and efficiently as possible," Torres said. "By the calling the 800 number, people will speak with someone who can provide them immediate attention, 24 hours a day."

People who have paid a deposit on a weapon currently subject to the 10-day waiting period need to contact the gun store directly for a refund of their deposit.

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