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ATF WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION RELEASES MID-YEAR SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS RESULTS

WASHINGTON – Edgar A. Domenech, special agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Washington Field Division, released the first mid-year report ([link to fact sheet](#)) on ATF significant cases today.

“My goal in releasing this summary is to educate the residents of Washington, D.C., and the Commonwealth of Virginia as to what the men and women of ATF are doing to make their communities safer,” said Domenech. ATF agents work day-in and day-out with our law enforcement partners to put violent criminals in federal prison so that these criminals can no longer victimize our law abiding citizens and their children. We all want to live in communities safe from violent crime; I hope that the citizens see that we are doing all we can to help achieve this.”

ATF’s number one domestic priority focuses exclusively on violent crime. By regulating the firearms and explosives industries, we have jurisdiction and unique statutory authority over the “tools of the trade” that make street gangs and violent offenders a threat to public safety. ATF is bringing cases federally to get the “worst-of-the-worst” criminals the longest possible sentences and keep them off the streets because there is no parole in the federal system. By focusing on a community’s crime problem ATF’s hope is that the citizens of that community will enjoy a greater quality of life.

The attached report is broken down into several areas and highlights the work that ATF and its partners are doing in the areas of violent crime, firearms trafficking, gun store burglaries/robberies, arson investigations, cigarette diversion investigations and regulatory efforts. “ATF recognizes that we cannot do this alone, and those agencies that have worked with us have been critical to our success in these investigations,” said Domenech.

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