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### **TPD WINS SPECIAL RECOGNITION FROM ATF FOR ITS WORK FIGHTING GUN CRIME**

The Tucson Police Department joins a select group of law enforcement agencies nationally when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives Special Agent in Charge for Arizona Gabriel R. Piñon designates TPD a Crime Gun Intelligence Unit (CGIU) at a press conference on Friday, December 18 at 11:00 a.m. at TPD Headquarters, 270 S. Stone Ave.

TPD works with ATF to trace guns that were involved in crimes through ballistics technology. The press conference will highlight recent arrests made possible through this technology and collaboration.

“Implementing best practices and using technology to solve gun crimes is a top priority for TPD. This approach is one reason why the Tucson Police Department is so effective at solving homicides. We value our partnership with ATF and welcome this recognition as a Crime Gun Intelligence Unit,” said TPD Chief of Police Chris Magnus.

“The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) has long recognized the path to success in implementing a successful crime gun strategy is through the blending of technology and more importantly partnerships. To that point our commitment is unwavering,” said ATF Special Agent in Charge Gabriel R. Piñon.

“This collaborative approach facilitates cross-jurisdictional investigations of gun-related crimes and has been an extremely successful and productive program for all participating agencies. In order to enhance this and other existing programs and to develop new gun crime reduction strategies, the Tucson Police Department (TPD), ATF and partners will establish a Tucson Crime Gun Intelligence Unit (CGIU).

The CGIU approach is ideal for addressing the regional, interconnected nature of firearms crime and trafficking in Tucson, and identifying, investigating, and prosecuting gun crime drivers to sustainably reduce gun violence. Tucson Police Department’s implementation of these practices and core community principals citywide, building upon a close collaboration of the Tucson Police Gun Crime Reduction Unit, ATF and local law enforcement emphasizing advanced strategic data analysis to address crime gun violence and trigger pullers,” said ATF SAC Piñon

Speakers at the press conference: -ATF Special Agent in Charge for Arizona Gabriel R. Piñon  
TPD Assistant Chief of Police John Strader, Investigative Services Bureau  
TPD Captain James Wakefield, Investigative Services Bureau

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