

SAR Identifies Links in ATF Cases

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has a case that involves multiple illegal activities taking place in a number of liquor stores. Violations include the sale of stolen firearms by a non-licensee, money laundering, contraband cigarette trafficking, violations of state liquor, sales tax and income laws, violations of federal tax laws and possible dealing in illegal drugs. Research was requested on six liquor stores and twelve individuals. As a part of this research, a SAR revealed an additional four individuals and three stores which appear to be involved in this case. The research produced multiple financial documents, on different individuals, for deposits only into one or more accounts at a variety of financial institutions.

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