

## **Review Announced of ATF's Oversight of Certain Storefront Operations.**

Department of Justice Inspector General Michael E. Horowitz announced today that the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has initiated a review of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives' (ATF) oversight of certain of its storefront operations. One of the key findings made by the OIG in its 2012 report, A Review of Operation Fast and Furious and Related Matters, was that ATF had failed to exercise sufficient oversight over activities that posed a danger to the public or otherwise presented special risks. The OIG previously has indicated that it is reviewing the progress made by the Department and ATF in implementing the recommendations in the Fast and Furious report, including the Monitored Case Program that ATF established in July 2011. Following more recent allegations regarding ATF's use of storefront operations, the OIG has learned that four such operations – in Milwaukee, Pensacola, St. Louis, and Wichita -- continued or began after the inception of the Monitored Case Program. The OIG has now initiated a separate review that will examine these four operations for possible systemic deficiencies in ATF's storefront operations policies, and evaluate the effectiveness of the Monitored Case Program as an oversight tool in these operations. If, in the course of the review, the OIG learns of information that might warrant looking at additional storefront operations, it will consider expanding the review to include them as well.