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National Association for Gun Rights calls for Hearings on DHS Surveillance Operations

Illegal operations by ICE show intentional targeting of gun owners

Washington, DC. - The National Association for Gun Rights (NAGR) is calling on House Homeland Security Committee Chairman, Michael McCaul (TX-10) to hold Congressional Oversight Hearings following revelations that the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) has been conducting illegal surveillance on gun owners at gun shows.

ICE recently admitted to conducting surveillance operations targeting gun shows in southern California in 2010 by logging license plate numbers of attendees. A spokeswoman for ICE acknowledged its Homeland Security Investigations agents in San Diego office conducted an operation at the Del Mar gun show.

“In conducting these operations, HSI San Diego and its partners make every effort to utilize all investigative methods for planning purposes,” the ICE spokeswoman told the Wall Street Journal. “As for specific methods, HSI San Diego does not comment.”

“Congress must act swiftly to put a stop to all DHS-sanctioned efforts to index every car or driver who pulls into a gun show,” said Dudley Brown, President of the National Association for Gun Rights, “these mass data collections are clearly illegal, and proven to be useless.”

The revelation follows an established pattern by the Obama Administration and Hillary Clinton to shift the blame for terrorism and crime away from ISIS and drug cartels to law-abiding gun owners.

“Imagine the outrage if government officials were scanning license plates in the parking lot of your local church, library, or political rally, ” stated Brown, “With this administrations track record of singling out political opponents for retribution, gun owners have every reason to be especially worried.”

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