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Thread: [FPSRussia's Home Raided by ATF - Left Empty-Handed](#)

prodigyhf - March 30, 2013, 6:44 pm

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/mobileweb/2013/03/29/fpsrussia-raid-kyle-myers_n_2979108.html

Quote:The Georgia residence of Kyle Myers, maker of the popular weapons and explosives YouTube series FPSRussia, was raided by 40 agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) on Tuesday, according to the Athens Banner-Herald.

The federal agents, accompanied by members of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, also conducted a search of Myers's father's nearby farm, where FPSRussia is sometimes filmed, reports northeast Georgia radio station WHLR.

Myers's FPSRussia series features him demonstrating advanced weaponry, including machine guns, tanks and drones.

But what was the justification for the raid? ATF spokesman Richard Coes told the Banner-Herald: "The claim is that [Myers] was using explosives and getting paid for it via YouTube."

Myers has used the substance Tannerite in his videos. While the powder explosive is legal in the U.S., Business Insider points out that the manufacturing of explosives for business purposes is illegal without a federal license.

Under YouTube's partner program, amateur video producers can earn money from the site if their videos are watched enough times. Myers's YouTube channel, which has garnered over half a billion views, is part of the site's partner program.

Seeming to contradict the ATF's statement, Franklin County Sheriff Stevie Thomas told WHLR that Tuesday's raids were in connection with the investigation into the suspected murder of Myers's former business partner, Keith Ratliff, who was found dead from a single gunshot to the head in January in the office of FPS Industries, the weapons testing business he owned.

The ATF did not return a request for comment from The Huffington Post.

Myers's colleague, Kitty Walden, told Guns.com that Myers was always careful about obeying the law.

"If it ever came to doing something outside of our legal boundaries, we would then work with someone who was legally authorized to do it in an approved location," said Wandel, who is a producer of FPSRussia. "We can only hope this helps [the ATF] understand how we make our money, so it doesn't hurt another YouTuber."

It is unclear whether any items were seized during Tuesday's raid.

Cromulis - March 30, 2013, 6:52 pm

Thats unfair. Well at least he could say in court that he is not making youtube videos for money but just for fun.

Sundae - March 30, 2013, 7:51 pm

Wow that really really fucking sucks :(

Revenue - March 30, 2013, 8:04 pm

Like seriously fuck the US government,, they bust people for stupid shit, and then don't bust those who deserve it. Yes, I'm American.

Nonon Jakuzure - March 30, 2013, 8:15 pm

I don't think anything of his was taken, he just posted a photo on Twitter.

<https://twitter.com/TheFPShow/status/318149095338430464/photo/1>

Sib3r - March 30, 2013, 8:19 pm

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prodigyhf - March 30, 2013, 8:57 pm

(Mar 30, 2013 08:19 PM)Sib3r Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Man what a bunch of dick holes why would they do that. Since his old producer or something was murdered. In case you were wondering, there was no murder weapon found.

WaffleCream - March 30, 2013, 11:03 pm

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SHADOW REALM - March 30, 2013, 11:07 pm

(Mar 30, 2013 11:03 PM)TwoGirlsOneUp Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why catch terrorists when you can use 40 men to bust a YT video maker.

Exactly, FPSRussia was obviously a huge risk, It isn't like he has been in possession of these WMD's before

SiPleX™ - March 30, 2013, 11:08 pm

(Mar 30, 2013 11:03 PM)TwoGirlsOneUp Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Why catch terrorists when you can use 40 men to bust a YT video maker.

I don't know why but I found this funny. Anyway, a guy with a billion guys if bound to be investigated. However having his house raided is retarded.

WinA - March 31, 2013, 1:25 am

(Mar 30, 2013 08:57 PM)CyberProdigy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Since his old producer or something was murdered. In case you were wondering, there was no murder weapon found.

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Lordflasheart - March 31, 2013, 2:46 am

Well the fact that he has so many weapons available & his close colleague dying from a gunshot wound probably made the ATF freak out.

I believe that Kyle would have followed the law very carefully, just like Paintball Kitty said in the article.

If he did do something illegal in a video, it is out there for the US government to see along with millions of other people.

For example, he was trying to use a Ballistic Knife when Black Ops came out, but couldn't use one, as it is illegal in the US.

- Lord.

VENETX - March 31, 2013, 3:02 am

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Lordflasheart - March 31, 2013, 3:06 am

(Mar 31, 2013 03:02 AM)VentroV Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Fucking twats.

I bet it was because he was Russian.? Hahaha, I do hope you're being sarcastic!

- Lord.

VENETX - March 31, 2013, 3:07 am

It's a joke bro.

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Lordflasheart - March 31, 2013, 3:41 am

(Mar 31, 2013 03:07 AM)VentroV Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It's a joke bro.

That the FBI just went after him because he was Russian.I thought so haha.

They probably raided upon that basis as well, not knowing it was fake.

That'd be cray cray.

-Lord.

prodigyhf - March 31, 2013, 6:43 am

(Mar 31, 2013 01:25 AM)WinA Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Lol "no murder weapon found." when this guy owns multiple firearms and weapons

Yes but the gun that would have had to been used to kill him (based on the bullet found in his head) was not present in FPSRussia's stash.

Alfred - March 31, 2013, 8:54 am

(Mar 31, 2013 06:43 AM)CyberProdigy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) FPSRussia's stash.

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Twitchofexe - March 31, 2013, 9:29 am

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Fallenour - March 31, 2013, 10:05 am

(Mar 31, 2013 08:54 AM)Alfred Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Stash? STASH!? His weapons could arm a small military.

which is probably exactly why they raided him. They didnt have legal precedence to take his weapons. They had a right to search him facility and his home for explosives, but not to seize his firearms.

DeltaSierra96 - March 31, 2013, 10:11 am

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no thats not it either. In order to take his weapons theyd need justification, and they dont have it. All they have is a body, at MOST, they might be able to get a warrant for any weapons that can fire the caliber round found in the dead guy, whos body they obviously have by now, and have done a ballistics report on. The other weapons are hands off though, since there would be no way for them to fire the rounds.

prodigyhf - March 31, 2013, 10:14 am

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The raid was for the "misuse" of the explosives. Where does it say that the raid was due to him being connected with the murder?

Thrive™ - March 31, 2013, 10:54 am

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Uncle Ruckus - March 31, 2013, 2:53 pm

(Mar 31, 2013 10:54 AM)Day Dreamer Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nothing will happen to FPS, the guy committed suicide. A cowards way out of something in my opinion.

What the hell are you talking about? Keith's death isn't even directly related to this article.

For one you don't even know anything about him. I talked to him for hours at a time on the phone several times a week, this guy had no reason to kill himself.

However, one of the last things he told me was that he wanted to lay low for a while, and even [posted it on his Twitter](#).

Kdub - March 31, 2013, 2:55 pm

Wow that really sucks. I hope he doesn't get arrested for this stupid thing...