Dealer/Reports heavily redacted

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Investigators also have linked the Green Bay dealership's products to shooting rampages in 2008 at a college west of Chicago and the following year at a health club in Pittsburgh.

ATF inspectors generally check licensed firearms dealers every three to five years, but TGSCOM has drawn closer scrutiny because of its violations.

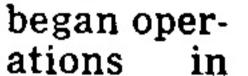
"When violations are cited, we do try to get back within a couple of years," said Mary Jo Hughes, director of industry operations at the federal agency's regional office in St. Paul, Minn., dealers in Wisconsin and three surrounding states.

The Press-Gazette requested TGSCOM inspection reports under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act after Thompson appeared before the Green Bay Plan Commission in December to get a permit allowing retail sales at the business.

At that time, he told panel members he was the biggest one firearms dealers in the and elsewhere Midwest, with sales in "weaknesses

the tens of millions of dollars.

TGSCOM, also known as The Gun Source.



Arizona and continued there for several years before relocating Green Bay in 2006.

Thompson

"TGSCOM is constantly expanding the number and type of websites they operate to reach new clientele and generate more sales," an ATF inspector noted in November 2007.

Among the information redacted the from records: how many firearms the dealership which covers firearms has sold, how many guns also discovered in 2009 are maintained on inventhat the Green Bay dealtory and who supplies the business with its products.

> Hughes said information is withheld when officials determine it is proprietary to a private cials because zoning for business or if federal law restricts how much can be disclosed about inspection results.

three violations — with descriptions redacted cites

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TGSCOM's internal controls." The report also notes that Thompson was "informed of the need to maintain accurate records."

ATF returned in January 2009 and reported finding six new violations, as well as other instances of "weaknesses" in the business. The reindicates that port TGSCOM moved quickly to resolve all federal violations that were uncovered.

Inspectors, however, ership was improperly engaging in retail sales rather than just Internet sales.

That issue was referred to Green Bay city offithe Broadway business prohibited retail sales. City officials eventually agreed to authorize retail The 2007 report lists sales after quizzing Thompson about his business.

> Paul Neumeyer, the within city's senior planner and

zoning administrator, said officials were not aware that TGSCOM had a history of ATF violations. The city relied on the ATF to provide any necessary information, Neumeyer said.

Any serious infractions would be worth reviewing, Neumeyer said, although he questioned whether most federal inspection results would be relevant to a city zoning review.

"We're not judging someone's character," he said. "We're judging whether they're compatible with the community."