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From: Attkisson, Sharyl [mailto:SAC@cbsnews.com]

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Tracy:

A number of sources have described instances prior to Fast and Furious in which ATF allegedly knowingly allowed weapons to get into the hands of suspected cartel suppliers similar to the allegations in Fast and Furious. One such example provided is the Operation known as "Wide Receiver." Others are the cases against defendants Medrano, Ramos, et.al. Final sentencing in that case was Aug. 10, 2010. The US Attorneys were Dennis Burke, Diane Humetewa and Joelyn Marlowe.

We'd like an on camera to ask about these allegations, but I know you have said pending the IG investigation you aren't doing any. If that's still the case, can you provide us with any sort of comment via email at least? **We need it by approximately noon today** so we can do some further reporting on whatever your position is.

Will you also pass along the following interview requests to the appropriate people at ATF (they have deferred to DOJ on some requests), including the subjects themselves: We'd like to interview Mr. Newell and Mr. ATF with the Phoenix office (in addition to the standing requests we have). We believe these men have knowledge and information that could shed light on the allegations.

Thanks so much.

Sharyl