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RE: SW strategy

Attachments:

newell testimony.pdf

Here is newell testimony from march 2009 where he pretty much lays out what is in SW border strategy as the ATF strategy. From this it appears it was strategy long before f and f ... and I think most would say, not a novel approach to investigations.

From: Reich, Steven (ODAG)

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It started in Oct. 2009 and was formally opened as a case at ATF in Nov. 2009.

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Did Newell say this? thought F and F started in earlier than this

From: Sari Horwitz [mailto:horwitzs@washpost.com]

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Just so you know, Bill Newell testified today that he started Fast and Furious after he received the October 2009 cartel strategy from the DAG. He testified to exactly the paragraph I had originally written. I regret changing it, given how specific he was to Congress today.

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