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Border Patrol agent settles claim of whistleblower retaliation

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Border Patrol agent Christian Sanchez, who told the Congressional Transparency Caucus that the U.S. Border Patrol's Port Angeles Station in the state of Washington was allowing unnecessary overtime, reached an agreement with the agency on his claim of retaliation. Agent Sanchez and agency officials settled their dispute through the Office of Special Counsel's Alternative Dispute Resolution unit.

Though the U.S. Border Patrol admitted no wrongdoing, its representatives actively worked together with Agent Sanchez to find effective solutions to the situation.

The terms of the settlement are confidential.

"Mr. Sanchez showed courage by speaking out," said Special Counsel Carolyn Lerner. "I commend both him and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection for resolving their differences through mediation."

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