U.S. court rules family of Mexican teenager killed by Border Patrol can sue agent



San Antonio, August 13 (RHC)-- A U.S. federal appeals court has ruled that the family of a 16-year-old Mexican boy who was fatally shot in the head by a U.S. Border Patrol agent can file a civil lawsuit against the agent and the U.S. government for damages.

José Antonio Rodríguez was unarmed and walking along a sidewalk in Nogales, Sonora, when Border Patrol agent Lonnie Swartz shot him 10 times through the border wall from the U.S. side in 2012.

In April, a federal jury acquitted agent Swartz on murder charges. He's now facing a retrial on manslaughter charges.



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