



Federal Law Enforcement Abbreviated Case Study

Enterprise Overview

By automating the analysis of Financial Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs), CONQ helps the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy detect financial fraud and confiscate criminal funds.

Operational and Mission Challenge

The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) programs, under the White House Drug Czar, are tasked with enhancing and coordinating drug control efforts among local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. In Northern Virginia, part of Washington-Baltimore HIDTA, a team of about 20 investigators drawn from local and federal agencies, the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and the Internal Revenue Service, gathered once a month to manually review thousands of SARs. Almost all the detail related to the evidence of drug-related financial fraud—including money laundering, structuring and potential terrorist behavioral detail—was embedded in unstructured text, adding to the difficulties facing the investigative team. Not surprisingly their analysis was time consuming to conduct and often incomplete, and their results inconsistent.

Solution

CONQ's software has harmonized and fused all the data, including the narrative in the SARs, and capture the sophisticated behaviors that signal drug trafficking and terrorist financing. The software both identifies and prioritizes the SARs with the greatest potential for investigative success. And by automating the process, CONQ has cut the man hours devoted to reviewing the SARs from 80 hours per month to a single hour. Less time, fewer IT resources, and more accurate and thorough actionable information are achieving more consistent and thorough results.

According to HIDTA Director Thomas Carr,

"Our teams can now focus on field investigations rather than reading documents. And by leading to the confiscation of criminal funds, CONQ paid for itself almost immediately."

Results

CONQ's software has dramatically improved investigation success rates and speed, and it has helped to unify and create strong professional bonds between the coalition and fusion workforces. This has led to expanded data sharing and broader case assistance.

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