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MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CONSPIRACY TO SELL METHAMPHETAMINE

PHOENIX - Fernando Beltran-Barraza, 44, a Mexican citizen residing in Phoenix, was sentenced yesterday to 135 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Roslyn O. Silver for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute 500 Grams or More of Methamphetamine.

In late March 2006, Beltran-Barraza sold nearly one-half pound of methamphetamine, and then negotiated the sale of 10 pounds more in June 2006, to law enforcement agents whom he believed were drug dealers. The law enforcement officials followed Beltran-Barraza back to his business and watched as the methamphetamine was delivered by two men. Agents then arrested all three men and seized 11.4 pounds of methamphetamine and 204 grams of cocaine. The two men who delivered the methamphetamine to Beltran-Barraza were each sentenced in June 2007 to 63 months in prison.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution was handled by James Morse Jr. and Howard Sukenic, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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