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NOGALES MAN SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR TRANSPORTING ILLEGAL ALIENS

TUCSON, Ariz. – Vincent Simon Simpson, 18, of Nogales, Ariz., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge David C. Bury to 18 months in federal prison. Simpson pleaded guilty on November 12, 2008 to Conspiracy to Transport and Harbor Illegal Aliens for the Purpose of Commercial Advantage or Private Financial Gain. In addition to his sentence, Simpson was ordered to pay a fine of \$3,000 and serve a term of supervised release for three years following his release from prison.

On February 13, 2008, federal law enforcement agents were conducting surveillance of a stash house near Nogales when they arrested Simpson in conjunction with illegal alien smuggling activities. After obtaining a search warrant for the residence, agents found 28 illegal aliens. Simpson admitted that he had been hired to operate alien stash houses, including setting up the houses, utilities and vehicles to transport aliens to and from the houses. He further admitted that he had personally transported three car loads of illegal aliens to the stash house.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the U.S. Border Patrol in Nogales. The prosecution was handled by Shelley K.G. Clemens, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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