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## **SIX MEXICAN NATIONALS SENTENCED FOR THEIR ROLE IN ILLEGAL ALIEN HARBORING CONSPIRACY**

PHOENIX – Two defendants were sentenced to prison Wednesday for their participation in a conspiracy to harbor illegal aliens. Francisco Quinones-Soriano, 27, of Mazatlan, Sinoloa, Mexico was sentenced to 30 months in prison, and Isaac Moya-Tiscareno, 28, of Neocalpan, Federal District of Mexico, Mexico was sentenced to 46 months by U.S. District Court Judge Frederick J. Martone. Four co-defendants in the case were sentenced to prison on the same charge in May 2009: Abel Perez-Moreno, 18, of Villa Hidalgo Municipio de Tuzantan, Chiapas, Mexico, was sentenced to 24 months; Juan Hernandez-Cabrera, 19, of Autlan, Jalisco, Mexico, was sentenced to 37 months; Marcelino Blanco-Garcia, 23, of Mazatlan, Sinoloa, Mexico was sentenced to 37 months; and Jovanny Cruz-Cruz, 23, of Mexico City, Mexico was sentenced to 37 months.

For a period of six days, beginning on or about January 3, 2009, 15 smuggled illegal aliens were harbored in a house in Phoenix. While harbored, the six defendants acted as either cook, guard or drop-house leader. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agents located the aliens after receiving information from family members of two of the harbored aliens who told agents they had received phone calls from one of the defendants demanding money in exchange for the harbored aliens' release. During those calls, the harbored aliens were able to speak directly with their family members and indicated the defendants were armed and made threats of physical injury. ICE Agents located the house, arrested the defendants, and recovered a 9mm handgun and smuggling ledgers.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution was handled by Josh Patrick Parecki, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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