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## **SINALOA MAN SENTENCED TO 84 MONTHS FOR POSSESSING A WEAPON DURING HOSTAGE TAKING**

PHOENIX – Jose Dominguez-Rojas, 29, of Sinaloa, Mexico, was sentenced here by U.S. District Judge Susan R. Bolton to 84 months in prison to be served consecutively to the 10 years imposed by Maricopa County Superior Court, CR2006-117667-001-DT. Jose Dominguez-Rojas pleaded guilty on April 6, 2009 to Possessing a Firearm in Connection with a Crime of Violence.

On March 30, 2006, the defendant was arrested along with Ruben Osuna-Ramirez, Juan Arambulo-Sanchez, Francisco Romero-Peralta, and Ivan Roman-Bousiequez at a residence in Glendale, Ariz. These individuals conspired to transport and harbor illegal aliens and held the aliens against their will. The family members of the aliens were called to demand money for their release and were told that their relatives would be killed if the smuggling fees were not paid. A rifle was brandished while threatening the aliens. Seventy nine undocumented aliens were found in the house where defendants were arrested.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Glendale Police Department and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution was handled by Raynette Logan, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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