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## **MEXICAN CITIZEN SENTENCED TO 109 MONTHS IN PRISON**

PHOENIX – Jose Luis Lopez-Vasquez, 40, of Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge David G. Campbell to a total of 109 months in prison. Lopez-Vasquez pleaded guilty on June 2, 2009, to a single-count indictment charging him with Illegal Re-entry After Prior Deportation. In addition, he admitted to violating three separate terms of supervised release. The Judge sentenced him to 87 months in prison for Illegal Re-entry After Prior Deportation. For the supervised release violations, Lopez-Vasquez was sentenced to 22 months prison to be served concurrently with each other, but consecutively to the 87 months for the Illegal Re-Entry After Prior Deportation for the total of 109 months.

Lopez-Vasquez had been deported from the United States to Mexico through Laredo, Texas on April 21, 2008, and was caught in the U.S. again on December 1, 2008. His immigration history includes a prior conviction for Illegal Re-entry After Prior Deportation, including a 1999 sentence of 96 months in federal prison.

Lopez-Vasquez's prior criminal history also includes a 1987 Texas conviction for Burglary of a Residence, a 1992 Arizona conviction for Attempted Burglary, a 1994 Arizona conviction for Attempted Theft, a 1997 Texas conviction for Possession of Marijuana, a 1997 Texas misdemeanor conviction for Unlawful Carrying a Weapon, a 1998 Arizona conviction for Theft, a 1998 Texas conviction for Burglary of a Building, a 2004 conviction from the Eastern District of Texas for Mailing Threatening Communications, and a 2005 Southern District of Texas conviction for Possession of a Prohibited Object in Prison Intended to be Used as a Weapon.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Border Patrol in Yuma, Ariz. The prosecution was handled by Melissa Karlen and Charles Galbraith, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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