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MEXICAN CITIZEN SENTENCED TO 98 MONTHS IN PRISON AFTER MULTIPLE IMMIGRATION CONVICTIONS

PHOENIX – Miguel Angel Valenzuela-Valenzuela, 39, of Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge David G. Campbell to a total of 98 months in prison. Valenzuela-Valenzuela pleaded guilty on April 15, 2009, to a single-count indictment charging him with Illegal Re-entry After Prior Deportation. In addition, he admitted to violating his term of supervised release from a previous 2003 conviction. The Judge sentenced him to 77 months in prison for Illegal Re-entry After Prior Deportation. For the supervised release violation, Valenzuela-Valenzuela was sentenced to 21 months prison to be served consecutively to the 77 months for the Illegal Re-Entry After Prior Deportation for the total of 98 months.

Valenzuela-Valenzuela had been deported from the United States to Mexico through San Ysidro, California on October 17, 2008, and was caught in the U.S. again on February 19, 2009. His immigration history includes three prior Immigration convictions, including a conviction for Illegal Re-entry After Prior Deportation in 2003 which resulted with a sentence of 77 months in federal prison.

Valenzuela-Valenzuela's prior criminal history also includes a 1989 California conviction for Burglary from a Vehicle, a 1991 Oregon conviction for Possession of a Controlled Substance, a 1991 Oregon conviction for Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Cocaine, a 1992 California conviction for Transporting Marijuana, a 1994 Southern District of California conviction for Deported Alien Found in the United States, a 1996 California conviction for Possession of Cocaine Base for Sale, and a 2002 Oregon conviction for Possession of Controlled.

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

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