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SON SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR ROLE IN DRUG SMUGGLING SCHEME WITH MOTHER

PHOENIX – Corey Ryan Burk, 20, of Henderson, Nevada, was sentenced yesterday to 33 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Martone. Burk pleaded guilty on May 19, 2009, to importing 250.22 kilograms (approximately 551.64 pounds) of marijuana into the U.S. Earlier this year, Judge Martone sentenced Burk's mother, Sandra Stratton, to 60 months in federal prison after she pleaded guilty for her role in the same offense.

On February 16, 2009, Burk, Stratton and Burk's girlfriend, Sylvia Pokorny, entered the U.S. from Mexico through the San Luis Port of Entry near Yuma, Ariz. The three were riding in a pick-up truck pulling a travel trailer when they were referred to secondary inspection. During further inspection, a narcotics detection dog alerted to a vent near the bedroom of the trailer. A false compartment was located under the bed of the trailer where a total of 25 packages of marijuana were found with a total weight of 250.22 kilograms.

Burk admitted that he knew the trailer contained marijuana and that he had been paid for previously delivering narcotics in the same trailer. Pokorny also pleaded guilty to the illegal importation of marijuana and is set for sentencing before Judge Martone on November 30, 2009.

The investigation was conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The prosecution was handled by Bret Alexander, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Yuma.

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