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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - June 15, 2009

Jesus Manuel Perez was sentenced today by the Honorable Irma E. Gonzalez, Chief United States District Judge, to 120 months custody and 5 years of supervised release, for importing more than 45 pounds of cocaine into the United States, announced United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt. On May 14, 2008, Perez attempted entry into the United States as the driver of a Chrysler Sebring. Inspection of the vehicle revealed 22.60 kilograms of cocaine hidden in a non-factory compartment in the back seat. At the time of this offense, Perez was on supervised release for importing 94 pounds of marijuana into the United States on December 15, 2006, for which he received an 18-month sentence.

DEFENDANT

Jesus Manuel Perez
San Diego, California

Case Number: 08cr1728

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 21, United States Code, Section 952, 960 Importation of Cocaine
Maximum Penalty: Life Imprisonment, 4 million dollar fine

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