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## **ARIZONA MARIJUANA DISTRIBUTOR SENTENCED**

Tampa, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that U.S. District Judge James Whittemore sentenced Jorge Villeasusa (33, Tucson, Arizona) to ten years in federal prison for possessing 1,000 kilograms or more of marijuana with the intent to distribute it. As part of his sentence, the court also entered a money judgment in the amount of \$3,960,000 the proceeds of Villeasusa's drug distribution activities.

Jorge Villeasusa pled guilty on March 25, 2011.

According to court documents, from 2006 through 2009, Villeasusa was the main source of supply of marijuana to a drug trafficking organization (DTO) in Pinellas County. Couriers would drive to Tucson, Arizona to meet with Villeasusa, where he would supply an average of 220 pounds of marijuana per load. Villeasusa is responsible for supplying approximately 7,000 pounds of marijuana to the DTO.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Shauna S. Hale.