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## COCAINE COURIER SENTENCED

### PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Cruz Alonzo Saenz, 43, El Paso, Mexico, was sentenced to 293 months in prison late yesterday by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker following his conviction at trial for conspiracy to distribute cocaine, announced Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. This case was the result of a year-long investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

From July 20, 2007 through August 29, 2007, Manuel Mascorro-Guerrero led an Indianapolis-based cocaine trafficking cell. Mascorro-Guerrero was sentenced on June 4, 2009 to 12 year in prison. Mascorro-Guerrero obtained his cocaine from Jesus Manuel Fierro-Mendez, a resident of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico and a Commandante in the Juarez, Mexico police force. Members of Fierro-Mendez's organization smuggled the cocaine across the Mexican-American border between Ciudad Juarez and El Paso, Texas. Truck drivers in El Paso transported the loads of cocaine from El Paso to Indianapolis, collected the proceeds of the cocaine sales in Indianapolis, and transported the cocaine proceeds back to El Paso. Saenz was one of the truck drivers who transported cocaine proceeds from Indianapolis to El Paso. From late 2006 through August 29, 2007, Fierro-Mendez's organization transported approximately fifty kilograms of cocaine per week from Ciudad Juarez and El Paso to Indianapolis. Fierro-Mendez is scheduled to be sentenced on November 23, 2009.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Saenz was sentenced to a term of 10 years supervised release which will follow his release from federal prison. During this term of supervised release, Saenz will be subjected to random searches of his person, vehicle, and residence and random urinalysis.

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