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Event: Sentenced

Defendant: Jose Hernandez

**DETROIT MAN GIVEN FIRST FEDERAL SENTENCE
FOR FAILING TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER**

Jose Hernandez, age 30, of Detroit, Michigan, was sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment on his guilty plea to a charge of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, announced United States Attorney Terrence Berg.

Mr. Berg was joined in the announcement by U.S. Marshal Robert Grubbs, U.S. Marshal Service, Eastern District of Michigan.

The sentence, which was the first handed down in the Eastern District of Michigan under the federal Sex Offender Registry Act, was imposed by Chief Judge Gerald E. Rosen.

U.S. Attorney Berg stated, "When a sex offender is released, the law requires registration, and this registration must be kept up to date, particularly when the offender relocates across state lines. Failing to comply with this requirement is a separate crime that can and will result in additional prosecution, and where appropriate, imprisonment."

Information provided to the court at the time of his guilty plea showed that in May 1999, Hernandez was convicted in Ohio on charges of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor. At the time of his conviction, Hernandez was required under Ohio law to register as a sex offender,

once a year for ten years, following his release from prison. In 2007, Hernandez traveled to Michigan to reside with his mother and failed to update his registration and did not advise the authorities in Michigan or Ohio regarding his place of residence. Hernandez was on parole when he committed the instant offense.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Marshal Service and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeanine Jones