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Second of 2 Mexican nationals sentenced for producing fraudulent documents, identity theft

The second of two Mexican nationals was sentenced yesterday in federal court in connection with producing fraudulent identification documents.

On April 21 in St. Paul, United States District Court Judge Donovan Frank sentenced Rodrigo Rodriguez Zambrano, unknown age, unknown address, to 32 months in prison on one count of aiding and abetting the transfer of fraudulent documents and one count of aiding and abetting aggravated identity theft.

Zambrano was indicted on July 7, 2008, along with Mateo Gomez Rosales, unknown age, unknown address. Zambrano pleaded guilty on Aug. 19.

On Jan. 27, Rosales was sentenced to 36 months in prison by Judge Frank on one count of aiding and abetting the production of fraudulent documents, one count of aiding and abetting aggravated identity thefts and one count of aiding and abetting the transfer of a document-making implement. He also pleaded guilty on Aug. 19.

In their respective plea agreements, they admitted that on March 11, 2008, they transferred both a counterfeit U.S. Resident Alien card and a counterfeit U.S. Social Security card. They also admitted to using the Alien Registration Number of another person without lawful authority.

Rosales also admitted that on April 2, 2008, he transferred a laptop computer with the intent it would be used in the production of false identification documents.

According to a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) affidavit, the Southeast Minnesota Narcotics and Gang Task Force learned that Rosales was trafficking counterfeit identification documents. Authorities arranged a meeting with Rosales to order some fraudulent documents.

Police made several purchases of counterfeit Resident Alien and Social Security cards from

Rosales and Zambrano on Sept. 14, 2007, Jan. 30, and Feb. 13 at a Rochester apartment.

This case was the result of an investigation by ICE, the Southeast Minnesota Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Rochester Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael A. Dees.