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**TWO PREVIOUSLY DEPORTED MEXICAN NATIONALS RECEIVE 65-MONTH
PRISON SENTENCES FOR UNLAWFUL RE-ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES**

ALBUQUERQUE – Today in separate proceedings in Albuquerque federal court, two Mexican nationals were sentenced to 65-month terms of imprisonment for unlawfully re-entering the United States. United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said both men will be deported after they complete their respective prison sentences.

Angel Inocencio Santos-Gonzalez, a 39, of Puerto Palomas, Chihuahua, Mexico, was sentenced to a 63-month term of imprisonment based on his conviction for re-entering the United States without authorization after having previously been deported. He also was sentenced to two-months' imprisonment, to be served consecutively to his 63-month sentence, for violating his supervised release on a prior re-entry after deportation conviction. Santos-Gonzalez has been in federal custody since his arrest on September 24, 2010.

Court records reflect that Santos-Gonzalez was convicted of conspiracy to traffic drugs on September 17, 2008. As a result of that conviction, Santos-Gonzalez was deported from the United States on June 9, 2010. Santos-Gonzalez was arrested by United States Border Patrol Agents near Columbus, New Mexico on September 24, 2010, and admitted that he was a citizen of Mexico who had illegally entered the United States. Santos-Gonzales entered a guilty plea to an information charging him with unlawful re-entry after deportation on November 4, 2010.

Francisco Alcantar-Munoz, 51, of Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico, also was sentenced to a 63-month term of imprisonment based on his conviction for re-entering the United States without authorization after having previously been deported, and a consecutive two-month term of imprisonment for violating his supervised release on a prior re-entry after deportation conviction.

Court records show that Alcantar-Munoz previously was deported from Del Rio, Texas to Mexico in February 2010 following his November 1992 felony conviction for burglary in the state of Arizona. Alcantar-Munoz was arrested in this case on September 20, 2010 by the United States Border Patrol agents in Luna County, New Mexico after they determined that he was a Mexican citizen who was illegally in the United States. Alcantar-Munoz has been in federal custody since that time. On October 25, 2010, Alcantar-Munoz entered a guilty plea to an information charging him with re-entry of a removed alien.

Assistant United States Attorney Holland S. Kastrin prosecuted the case against Santos-Gonzalez and Assistant United States Attorney Kimberly A. Brawley prosecuted the case against Alcantar-Munoz. Both cases were investigated by the United States Border Patrol, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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