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**PREVIOUSLY DEPORTED MEXICAN NATIONAL RECEIVES 41-MONTH  
PRISON SENTENCE FOR UNLAWFUL RE-ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES**

ALBUQUERQUE – Today in Albuquerque federal court, **Manuel Rodriguez-Ochoa**, 43, was sentenced to a 41-month term of imprisonment based on his conviction for re-entering the United States without authorization and after having previously been deported. Rodriguez-Ochoa, a Mexican national, will be deported after completing his prison sentence.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said Rodriguez-Ochoa was previously deported from the United States on November 12, 2008 after his conviction of a cocaine trafficking offense. Rodriguez-Ochoa was arrested in this case on December 31, 2010 by United States Border Patrol agents in Santa Teresa, New Mexico, after they determined that he was a Mexican citizen who was illegally in the United States. Rodriguez-Ochoa has been in federal custody since that time. On March 8, 2011, Rodriguez-Ochoa entered a guilty plea to an information charging him with re-entry of a removed alien.

Assistant United States Attorney Lynn Wei-Yu Wang prosecuted the case, which was investigated by the United States Border Patrol.

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