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**MEXICAN NATIONAL PLEADS GUILTY TO
FEDERAL HEROIN TRAFFICKING OFFENSE**

Defendant Agrees to Forfeit \$491,637 in Drug Proceeds

ALBUQUERQUE – Today in federal court in Albuquerque, **Carlos Nohe Zamudio-Beltran**, 35, entered a guilty plea to an indictment charging him with possession of more than one kilogram of heroin with intent to distribute under a plea agreement with the United States Attorney's Office. At sentencing, Zamudio-Beltran faces a maximum penalty of imprisonment for a period of not less than ten-years nor more than life. Zamudio-Beltran, a Mexican national, will be deported after he completes his prison sentence. Under the terms of the plea agreement, Zamudio-Beltran will forfeit \$491,637 in drug proceeds that were seized when he was arrested on November 17, 2010. Zamudio-Beltran has been in federal custody since his arrest, and remains detained pending his sentencing hearing, which has yet to be scheduled.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Zamudio-Beltran was arrested as a result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office (BCSO). According to the criminal complaint filed in the case, on November 17, 2010, the DEA and BCSO executed a federal search warrant at Zamudio-Beltran's residence on the west side of Albuquerque. During the search of the residence, the DEA and BCSO seized a large quantity of heroin, a small amount of cocaine, a large quantity of U.S. currency, and drug paraphernalia. During a post-arrest interview, Zamudio-Beltran admitted that the narcotics and money belonged to him.

In his plea agreement, Zamudio-Beltran admitted possession of 2958 net grams of heroin and 25.6 net grams of cocaine. Zamudio-Beltran also agreed to forfeit \$491,637 in drug

proceeds that were seized from his residence and a vehicle parked in his garage.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Elaine Y. Ramirez, and was investigated by the DEA and BCSO.

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