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### **EX-CON ILLEGAL ALIEN IN RIDGELAND SENTENCED**

**Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney W. WALTER WILKINS stated today that ALBINO GUEVARA-BARAJAS, age 42, was sentenced in federal court for being an alien illegally in the United States. United States District Judge Sol Blatt, Jr., sentenced GUEVARA-BARAJAS to 27 months imprisonment and three years supervised release. He will be deported after serving his prison sentence.**

**GUEVARA-BARAJAS was arrested at his residence in Ridgeland by the Beaufort County ICE Task Force and the Beaufort/Jasper Multi-Agency Drug Task Force on March 13, 2009. A records check confirmed that in 1998, GUEVARA-BARAJAS had been convicted in federal court for illegal entry into the U.S. and subsequently deported to his native Mexico.**

**Thereafter GUEVARA-BARAJAS re-entered the United States and was convicted in South Carolina state court for Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine and Marijuana and was again deported. GUEVARA-BARAJAS admitted to authorities that he re-entered the U.S. without permission after being deported in 2005.**

**Mr. Wilkins stated that the case was investigated by agents of the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Beaufort County Sheriff's Department, and the Jasper County Sheriff's Department. Assistant United States Attorney Dean H. Secor of the Charleston Office prosecuted the case.**

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