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EIGHTH DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN AUSTIN BROTHEL CASE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that in Austin this morning, Francisco Castillo-Celaya, a native of Mexico, was sentenced to five years in federal prison for his role in an Austin prostitution ring and operating a brothel in Oklahoma City, OK. United States District Judge Sam Sparks also ordered that Castillo-Celaya be placed under supervised release for a period of three years after completing his prison term.

On February 2, 2007, Castillo-Celaya pleaded guilty to one count each of interstate transportation for prostitution, conspiracy to smuggle, transport and harbor illegal aliens for financial gain and harboring aliens for prostitution.

The remaining co-defendant, Jose Cedeno-Zetina (aka "Antonio Cedeno-Zetina) is awaiting sentencing scheduled for 9:00am on May 4, 2007. Bertha Jiminez (aka "Norma"), Cecilia Maria Roberson (aka "Maria Perez" and "Lila") and Francisco's brother, Emilio Castillo-Celaya, remain fugitives in this case.

The defendants were involved in the prostitution ring from November 2002 to June 29, 2006. On June 29, 2006, law enforcement raids were conducted by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Internal Revenue Service on brothels operating in Austin, Dallas and Oklahoma City. Francisco Castillo-Celaya was arrested that day in Oklahoma City. He had previously managed the organization's brothel operations in Austin and Dallas.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division together with assistance from local law enforcement. The case is being prosecuted on behalf of the government by Assistant United States Attorney Gerald C. Carruth.

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