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**TRUCK DRIVER PLEADS GUILTY TO
IMPORTATION OF MORE THAN 3,100 KILOS OF MARIJUANA**

John E. Murphy, Acting United States Attorney, announced that 53-year-old Sergio Lucio Chavez-Ramirez of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, faces between ten years and life in federal prison after pleading guilty to importation of marijuana.

Appearing before United States District Judge Frank Montalvo yesterday, Chavez-Ramirez admitted that on June 3, 2009, he knowingly attempted to enter the United States from Mexico in a vehicle which contained marijuana. During an inspection at the Ysleta Port of Entry, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers discovered approximately 3,100 kilograms of marijuana inside the defendant's vehicle.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 5, 2010.

Assistant United States Attorney George Leal is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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