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**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - April 8, 2011**

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that United States District Court Judge Dana M. Sabraw sentenced Salvador Francisco Ruiz today to serve 160 months in federal custody for assaulting a federal officer and importing approximately 1,200 kilograms of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance into the United States. Ruiz entered his guilty pleas on November 18, 2010, pursuant to a plea agreement.

According to the plea agreement, Rodriguez admitted that on August 9, 2010, while in custody at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in San Diego, he assaulted a Bureau of Prisons Correctional Officer by striking the officer, resulting in bodily injury, a felony. The defendant further admitted that on or about June 1, 2010, he offloaded bundles of marijuana smuggled by boat from Mexico with the intent to further distribute the marijuana.

**DEFENDANT**

Salvador Francisco Ruiz

**Case Numbers:**

10cr3209DMS/10cr3577DMS

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES OF CONVICTION**

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 111(a)(1) and (b) - Assault on a Federal Officer

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846 - Distribution of a Controlled Substance

**AGENCIES**

United States Border Patrol

San Diego Police Department

Immigration & Customs Enforcement

Federal Bureau of Investigation