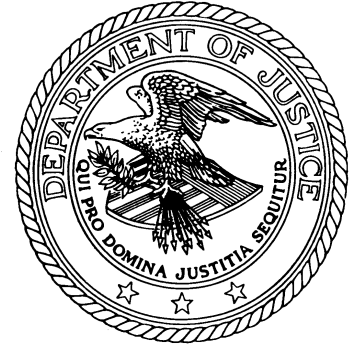


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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - April 8, 2011

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