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**FORMER LEASING MANAGER SENTENCED TO  
10 YEARS IN CUSTODY FOR USING RENTAL  
TRUCKS TO DISTRIBUTE MARIJUANA**

**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - August 22, 2011**

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that today David Jeffrey Barragan, the former manager of Penske Truck Leasing, located in Temecula, California, was sentenced to serve 120 months in custody by the Honorable Thomas J. Whelan, United States District Court Judge. Barragan pled guilty on January 11, 2011, to conspiracy to distribute over 1,000 kilograms of marijuana, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846 and 841(a)(1), a ten-year mandatory-minimum offense.

According to court records, in 2008, Barragan directed others to build secret and hidden compartments inside trucks for the purpose of transporting narcotics and then directed couriers to transport the marijuana

to other locations, including Kentucky, Texas, and Illinois. As part of his guilty plea, Barragan also admitted that he created false documents for the Penske truck rentals for the couriers.

**DEFENDANT**

**Case Number: 09cr3134W**

David Jeffrey Barragan

**SUMMARY OF CHARGE**

Conspiracy to Distribute 1,000 kilograms of Marijuana, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846

**PARTICIPATING AGENCIES**

Drug Enforcement Administration  
San Diego Narcotics Task Force  
United States Marshals Service