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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