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U.S. DRUG TRANSPORTATION MANAGER CONNECTED TO NARCOTICS TUNNEL SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - January 30, 2012

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that Fernando Javier Alarid, of Chula Vista, California, was sentenced to serve 25 years in federal custody by the Honorable Larry A. Burns, United States District Court Judge, after a federal jury convicted Fernando Javier Alarid of conspiracy to distribute marijuana, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 and 846; conspiracy to import marijuana, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections, 952, 960, and 963 and possession with intent to distribute marijuana, and aiding and abetting in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

The four-day federal jury trial ended on June 17, 2011, with guilty verdicts on all counts. Codefendant Pablo Anzaldo-Contreras, of El Monte, California, was also convicted by the jury of all three counts and is currently serving a 235-month sentence imposed by Judge Burns on October 5, 2011.

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841, 846, and 851

Conspiracy to Import Marijuana

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952, 960, 963, and 851

Possession With Intent To Distribute and Aiding and Abetting

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 and 851 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2

SUMMARY OF CHARGE AS TO PABLO ANZALDO

Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 and 846

Conspiracy to Import Marijuana

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952, 960, and 963

Possession With Intent To Distribute and Aiding and Abetting

Title 21, United States Code, Section 841 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2

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