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**DOUGLAS COUNTY NEBRASKA RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 84 MONTHS
FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE AND
BEING FOUND IN THE UNITED STATES AFTER DEPORTATION**

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA- On November 29, 2011, Guillermo Hernandez-Sandoval, a citizen of Mexico, who had been residing in Douglas County, Nebraska, was sentenced to 84 months imprisonment for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and for being an illegal alien found in the United States after deportation. United States District Judge John Jarvey also ordered Hernandez-Sandoval to serve a five year term of supervised release following incarceration. On August 4, 2011, Hernandez-Sandoval entered a guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine from January, 2010, through February 25, 2011, and to being illegally in the United States after deportation.

Between January, 2010, and February 25, 2011, Hernandez-Sandoval, along with his co-defendant, Jorge Zamora-Lopez, distributed methamphetamine throughout South Omaha, Nebraska, and Western Iowa. Law enforcement identified Hernandez-Sandoval as a potential source of methamphetamine when a controlled purchase was made in Shelby County, Iowa, using a confidential informant, in January of 2010. The investigation continued, finally culminating in the arrest of Hernandez-Sandoval and Zamora-Lopez on February 25, 2011, when they drove to a location in South Omaha to deliver methamphetamine. At the time of their arrest, Hernandez-Sandoval and Zamora-Lopez had over a pound of pure methamphetamine, cocaine, and over ten thousand dollars in currency in their possession.

Prior to his arrest on February 25, 2011, Hernandez-Sandoval had been deported on four separate occasions.

The investigation was conducted by the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Shelby County, Iowa, Sheriff's Office, the Douglas County, Nebraska, Sheriff's Office, the Southwest Iowa Narcotics Task Force, the Department of Homeland Security Enforcement and Removal Operation, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.