



Department of Justice

**United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt
Southern District of Iowa**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Friday, August 12, 2011
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/ias/>

CONTACT: Kevin VanderSchel
(515) 473-9300
kevin.vanderschel@usdoj.gov

Mexican National Sentenced on Federal Immigration Charges

DAVENPORT, IA- On August 12, 2011, Jose Manuel Rodriguez-Najera, 30, a Mexican national, was sentenced to time served for one count of Fraud and Misuse of Documents, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Rodriguez, who has been in custody since April 25, 2011, will be released to immigration authorities for deportation proceedings.

The case stems from a Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) audit of I-9 (Employment Eligibility Verification) forms at West Liberty Foods, where Rodriguez had been employed under a false name. When filling out his I-9 Rodriguez-Najera presented a Social Security Card and Iowa ID in the name of another person. When agents encountered Rodriguez-Najera on February 24, 2011, he presented them with a false Puerto Rican birth certificate and Iowa ID, both in the name of this other individual. Agents asked the defendant several questions about Puerto Rico. He could not provide correct answers. He eventually admitted that he was not the individual named in the documents presented and was not born in Puerto Rico. Rodriguez-Najera admitted that he was born in Mexico and provided a Mexican Consulate Identification Card in his correct name of Jose Manuel Rodriguez-Najera. He further advised that the Puerto Rican birth certificate was fraudulent.

This investigation was conducted by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

###

