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## MARSHALLTOWN WOMAN SENTENCED TO 24 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR WITNESS TAMPERING

DES MOINES, IA – On July 21, 2011, Gloria Sanchez, age 63, of Marshalltown, Iowa, was sentenced to a term of 24 months imprisonment for witness tampering, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Court Judge John A. Jarvey also ordered Sanchez to serve a two-year term of supervised release following the term of imprisonment, and imposed a \$100 crime victim fund assessment.

Sanchez was arrested in September of 2010, after she confronted the spouse of a government witness. The witness had information about the involvement of Sanchez's children, Juan Armas Sanchez, Soraya Armas and Seopoldo "Tony" Armas, and Sanchez's grandson, Juan Reyes, who were separately charged in a methamphetamine distribution conspiracy reaching from Marshalltown, Iowa to Minnesota, Arizona, and Mexico. During the confrontation, Sanchez, who was not charged in the drug conspiracy, made threats to harm the witness' family. Sanchez was convicted of tampering with a witness on March 18, 2011, following a two-day jury trial.

This investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force. This case was prosecuted in the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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