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Marshalltown Woman Found Guilty of Witness Tampering

DES MOINES, IA – On March 18, 2011, Gloria Sanchez, age 63, of Marshalltown, Iowa, was convicted of tampering with a federal witness following a two day jury trial announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. The charge resulted after Ms. Sanchez confronted a family member of a federal witness at a Kum and Go convenience store in Marshalltown, Iowa, on September 8, 2010. The verbal threats made by Ms. Sanchez included a statement asking what the witness would think “if one of her children were killed.” Three of Ms. Sanchez’ children, and her grandson, are charged in federal court with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in the case of *Unites States v. Juan Armas Sanchez, et al.*

“This case was about protecting the integrity of our system of justice,” said U.S. Attorney Nick Klinefeldt. “Ms. Sanchez threatened a witness, and today we proved that you cannot get away with that in federal court.”

Ms. Sanchez faces up to twenty years in prison as a result of this conviction. No sentencing date for Ms. Sanchez has be scheduled at this time.

This case was prosecuted in the United States Attorney’s office for the Southern District of Iowa, and was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Mid-Iowa Drug Task Force and the Marshall County Sheriff’s Department.

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