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MEXICAN CITIZEN FOUND IN McHENRY COUNTY SENTENCED TO 60 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ILLEGALLY REENTERING THE UNITED STATES

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; and GARY J. HARTWIG, Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Frederick J. Kapala today sentenced **MARCELINO TELLEZ-PINEDA**, 35, who is a citizen of Mexico, to 60 months in prison for illegally reentering the United States following his two previous deportations to Mexico. On May 22, 2009, Tellez-Pineda pleaded guilty and admitted that he had previously been deported from the United States to Mexico. Tellez-Pineda acknowledged that on January 8, 1998, after being convicted of a crime of violence, and again on January 5, 2004, he had been deported, and had again illegally reentered the United States. Tellez-Pineda acknowledged that he did not apply for or receive permission from the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to reenter the United States at any time after the two removals in 1998 and 2004. Tellez-Pineda was found illegally present in the United States after he was arrested by the Hebron Police Department for driving under the influence in McHenry County on January 1, 2009.

In addition to the 60 months prison sentence, the court ordered Tellez-Pineda to surrender to immigration authorities following his release from prison, as well as serve a period of supervised release of three years following his release from prison.

The case was investigated by the Chicago office of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and was assisted by McHenry County law enforcement. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney BRENDAN A. MAHER.

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