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**CITIZEN OF MEXICO SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT
FOR DRUG CHARGES**

Defendant receives 130 months in prison

Lafayette, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Francisco Garcia-Luna, 28, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced yesterday afternoon to 130 months in prison. The sentence, which was handed down by U.S. District Judge Richard T. Haik, is a result of Garcia-Luna's plea of guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Garcia-Luna pleaded guilty in August of 2011, to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. Francisco Garcia-Luna was one of three individuals distributing large quantities of methamphetamine in the Lafayette, La. area. Agents with the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Lafayette Metro Narcotics Task Force were able to make a seizure of approximately one pound of methamphetamine and a series of undercover purchases of methamphetamine from individuals working with, and supplied by, Garcia-Luna. The methamphetamine both seized and purchased from Garcia-Luna and his co-conspirators tested positive for being 455.3 grams of pure methamphetamine.

U.S. Attorney Finley stated: "In recent years, we have seen an increase in our community of methamphetamine coming from Mexico. We will continue to work with our federal, state and local partners to target this problem, aggressively prosecute and seek tough sentences in drug trafficking cases."

This case was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney J. Collin Sims.

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