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Prosecutions continue in illegal entry cases involving those with prior criminal records

In the District of Minnesota, court action continues in federal cases involving three foreign nationals who entered the United States illegally after being deported as criminals. Yesterday in St. Paul, one of those men was sentenced for entering the U.S. illegally. Earlier this week, one man pleaded guilty to the same charge, while a third man was sentenced.

In St. Paul, United States District Court Judge Donovan W. Frank sentenced Juan Pablo Arvizu-Cruz, age 30, no address, to 50 months in prison. Arvizu-Cruz was indicted on September 15, 2010, and pleaded guilty on November 23, 2010. In his plea agreement, Arvizu-Cruz admitted that on April 18, 2010, he was found illegally in the U.S. after having been deported to Mexico. His deportation followed a 2009 Scott County conviction for terroristic threats. On April 18, Arvizu-Cruz was arrested for driving while under the influence, and while he was in the Scott County Jail, where he was identified as an illegal alien through U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement's Criminal Alien Program ("CAP"). The goal of that program is to locate criminal aliens incarcerated in federal and state prisons, as well as in local jails, and prevent them from being released into the general population.

His case was the result of an investigation by ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations ("ICE ERO") and the Savage Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin S. Ueland.

On March 28, 2011, Anselmo Mendez-Madrid, age 36, of Worthington, pleaded guilty to one count. Mendez-Madrid, who was indicted on February 24, 2011, entered his plea in Minneapolis before Judge Montgomery. In his plea agreement, Mendez-Madrid admitted that on December 11, 2010, he was found in the U.S. illegally after having been previously deported to El Salvador. His deportation followed a 1997 California conviction for attempted murder. He

was arrested for third-degree riot, unlawful assembly, and disorderly conduct. He also was identified through the CAP.

For his crime, Mendez-Madrid faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years. Judge Montgomery will determine his sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled. This case is the result of an investigation by ICE ERO and the Worthington Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly A. Svendsen.

In St. Paul on March 28, 2011, U.S. District Court Judge Richard H. Kyle sentenced Daniel Rosales-Davila, age 28, of Minneapolis, to 30 months in prison on one count. Rosales-Davila was indicted on September 15, 2010, and pleaded guilty on November 18, 2010. In his plea agreement, Rosales-Davila admitted that on August 16, 2010, he was in the U.S. illegally, after having been deported following a 2008 Hennepin County conviction for third-degree sale of controlled substances. He was arrested by the Minnesota State Patrol for driving while intoxicated. Rosales-Davila was in jail when he was identified as an illegal alien through the CAP.

His case was the result of an investigation by ICE ERO and the Minnesota State Patrol. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura M. Provinzino.

Mendez-Madrid will remain in ICE custody until his current federal case is resolved. All three defendants will be deported to Mexico after serving their sentences.

To learn more about the CAP, visit www.ice.gov/criminal-alien-program/

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