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Mexican national indicted for illegal entry after being deported as a criminal

In the District of Minnesota, federal court action continued in cases involving a Mexican national who entered the United States illegally after being deported as a criminal. Earlier today in Minneapolis, Hugo Beltran-Aragon, age 27, address unknown, was indicted on one count of illegal re-entry after deportation.

His indictment alleges that on June 8, 2010, he was found in the U.S. illegally after having been previously deported to Mexico. Beltran-Aragon's deportation followed a 2003 Hennepin County conviction for third-degree criminal sexual conduct. The current federal indictment resulted from an arrest in connection to a probation violation. On February 7, 2011, after having served his state sentence for the probation violation conviction, Beltran-Aragon was placed in the custody of Homeland Security-Enforcement and Removal Operations ("HS-ERO").

If convicted, Beltran-Aragon faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and will be deported after serving his time. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Brooklyn Park Police Department and HS-ERO. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Deidre Y. Aanstad.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.

