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## PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ANDREW T. BAXTER announced that ERASTO GARCIA-RAMIREZ, age 26 formerly of Troy, New York, was sentenced on December 4, 2009 to imprisonment for a term of "time served" (47 days), followed by one year of supervised release, by United States District Judge David N. Hurd, in Utica, New York, for illegally reentering the United States after removal. GARCIA-RAMIREZ was immediately remanded to the custody of the Department of Homeland Security for removal proceedings. The sentencing followed GARCIA-RAMIREZ's November 10, 2009 guilty plea.

GARCIA-RAMIREZ, a citizen of Mexico, was removed from the United States to Mexico on September 15, 2006 and again on October 16, 2007. On October 19, 2009, GARCIA-RAMIREZ was encountered by a United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer at the Albany County Jail.

This matter was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement(ICE), Albany, New York and the Menands Police Department.

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