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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ANDREW T. BAXTER announced that MILTON FABIAN VARGAS ORJUELA, age 43, of Statesville, North Carolina, pled guilty today, before United States District Court Judge Gary L. Sharpe, in Albany, New York, to illegally reentering the United States after removal. Sentencing for MILTON FABIAN VARGAS ORJUELA is scheduled for March 22, 2010. As a result of the conviction, VARGAS ORJUELA faces a maximum sentence of imprisonment of 20 years, supervised release for up to 3 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a special assessment of \$100.

VARGAS ORJUELA, a citizen of Columbia, was physically removed from the United States to Columbia on December 17, 1996, following his March 1993 conviction in United States District Court in Miami, Florida, of the offense of Importation of Heroin. On November 23, 2009, VARGAS ORJUELA was encountered and arrested as an illegal alien by United States Border Patrol Agents as a passenger in a car that was stopped near the town of Beekmantown, New York.

This matter was investigated by the United States Border Patrol, Champlain, New York.

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