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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced today the sentencing of a Chilean national for an immigration offense.

ENRIQUE SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ-DONOSO, 62, a citizen and national of the country of Chili, was sentenced on May 26, 2011, by United States District Judge Glenn T. Suddaby to 13 months for his plea of guilty to possession of illegal re-entry into the United States after deportation. On July 23, 2010, RODRIGUEZ-DONOSO was encountered by Agents from the U.S. Border Patrol at a checkpoint on New York State Route 56 near the town of Waddington. RODRIGUEZ-DONOSO produced a Chilean passport but had no documentation to show that he was legally entitled to be in the United States. RODRIGUEZ-DONOSO thereafter admitted he was in the country illegally. Records and fingerprints checks revealed that this same individual had been previously convicted in 1994 of a felony in the state of Florida for grand theft, and that he had twice been ordered excluded from the United States, on August 22, 2006, and again on October 7, 2009. Records checks further confirmed that RODRIGUEZ-DONOSO had not sought nor obtained the consent of the Attorney General, as required by law, for lawful re-admission to the United States.

On October 7, 2010, RODRIGUEZ-DONOSO pled guilty to a single count Information which charged him with illegal re-entry to the United States after having been deported and after having been convicted of a felony, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(b)(1). After RODRIGUEZ-DONOSO finishes serving his 13 month sentence of incarceration, he will thereafter be placed on supervised release for a period of 3 years and be deported back to Chile.

The RODRIGUEZ-DONOSO case was investigated by the U.S. Border Patrol and Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Carl G. Eurenus, who can be reached at 448-0672.