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RECIDIVIST ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED

Repeat Offender Receives 18 Months Incarceration for Latest Illegal Entry

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that JOSE BARRAZA-PAYAN, age 41, of South Glens Falls, New York, was sentenced today by Senior United States District Judge Lawrence E. Kahn, in Albany, New York, for illegally reentering the United States after removal. BARRAZA-PAYAN was sentenced to imprisonment for a term of 18 months, followed by two years of supervised release.

Today's sentencing followed BARRAZA-PAYAN's March 10, 2011 guilty plea.

BARRAZA-PAYAN, a citizen of Mexico, was involuntarily removed from the United States to Mexico on October 9, 2002, December 11, 2007 and June 15, 2010. On January 26, 2011, BARRAZA-PAYAN was encountered by Glens Falls Police during a traffic stop. An Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer responded to the vehicle stop and determined BARRAZA-PAYAN to be a previously removed illegal alien. BARRAZA-PAYAN was prosecuted and convicted for committing the same offense, re-entry of a removed alien, in this very district, the Northern District of New York, in 2007. As a result of that prior conviction BARRAZA-PAYAN served a four month sentence of imprisonment prior to his December 11, 2007 removal to Mexico. Further, BARRAZA-PAYAN was arrested by United States Border Patrol after entering the United States illegally ten times between July 7, 1998 and October 1, 2002.

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

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