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## PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that RIGOBERTO NAVARRETTE RODRIGUEZ, age 24, of Fleischmanns, New York, pled guilty today before United States District Court Judge Mae A. D'Agostino, in Albany, New York to the felony offense of re-entry by a previously removed alien. Sentencing for NAVARRETTE RODRIGUEZ is scheduled for February 23, 2012 in Albany, New York. As a result of the conviction, NAVARRETTE RODRIGUEZ faces a maximum sentence of imprisonment of up to 2 years, supervised release of up to 1 year, and a fine of up to \$250,000.

NAVARRETTE RODRIGUEZ, a citizen of Mexico, admitted today that he was involuntarily removed from the United States to Mexico on February 19, 2009. On October 5, 2011, NAVARRETTE RODRIGUEZ was encountered by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer at the Town Court of Middletown, Delaware County, and detained as an illegal alien. NAVARRETTE RODRIGUEZ's fingerprints were analyzed later that day at the ICE office in Albany, and it was determined that he had been previously removed from the United States.

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

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