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NEWS RELEASE

An indictment¹ was filed tody against Fernando Castillo, a/k/a "Freddie Palacios," a/k/a "Manuel Mendez," a/k/a "Manuel Mendez-Fernandez," charging him with one count of illegal reentry after deportation, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. The indictment alleges that on or about March 16, 2011, Castillo, an alien, and native and citizen of Mexico, was found in the United States after having been removed from the United States on or about December 30, 2002.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	YEAR OF BIRTH
Fernando Castillo	Norristown, PA	1981

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, a three-year term of supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") Homeland Security Investigatinos ("HSI") and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Nancy E. Potts.

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