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**ARYAN CIRCLE MEMBER SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR MARIJUANA TRAFFICKING**

United States Attorney Robert Pitman announced that in Del Rio this afternoon, 35-year-old Paul Kalka was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison followed by ten years of supervised release and fined \$5,000 for his role in a marijuana trafficking operation.

On August 4, 2011, the Del Rio resident and Aryan Circle member pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana. By pleading guilty, Kalka admitted that between November 2009 and December 2010, he used several stash houses along Vega Verde Road in Del Rio, which abuts the Rio Grande River, to facilitate the smuggling and distribution of over 1,000 kilograms of marijuana. Authorities arrested Kalka in January 2011.

This case was investigated by agents with Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Assistant United States Attorney Benjamin Seal prosecuted this case on behalf of the government.

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