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### TWO MEXICAN CITIZENS SENTENCED FOR ILLEGALLY REENTERING UNITED STATES

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Santos Luciano-Saldana, 53, Mexico, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge William Conley to six years in prison for illegally reentering the United States after having previously being deported. In an unrelated case, Judge Conley sentenced Arnulfo Romero-Gonzales, 27, Mexico, to six months in prison for illegally reentering the United States after having previously being deported. Both Luciano-Saldana and Romero-Gonzales pleaded guilty to their charges in these separate cases on April 20, 2010.

Luciana-Saldana was first deported from the United States in 2005 following a conviction for distributing cocaine in Texas. The defendant then illegally returned to the United States and was convicted in Milwaukee County Circuit Court for possessing cocaine with intent to distribute. Following the completion of his three-year prison sentence for that offense, Luciano-Saldana was taken into custody by federal law enforcement officers after indictment in this case.

Romero-Gonzales had been deported from the United States in 2001 following a felony conviction for possession of a fraudulent identification card in Illinois. The defendant's illegal reentry to the United States was discovered when he was arrested in Marathon, Wis. based upon a telephone tip provided to immigration officials.

The charges against Luciano-Saldana and Romero-Gonzales were the result of investigations conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of the cases were handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter Jarosz and Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Anderson, respectively.

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