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MEXICAN CITIZEN SENTENCED TO 30 MONTHS
FOR ILLEGALLY RE-ENTERING UNITED STATES

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Reyes Venegas-Cruz, 26, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge William M. Conley to 30 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, for illegally re-entering the United States after being deported. Venegas-Cruz pled guilty to this charge on August 16, 2010.

Venegas-Cruz was deported from the U.S. in 2004 after being convicted of felony drug distribution in Texas. In 2007, Venegas-Cruz illegally returned to the United States and was deported a second time. Venegas-Cruz was found in Madison on May 2, 2010, and arrested by ICE officials.

The charge against Venegas-Cruz was the result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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