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## **FORMER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG CONSPIRACY**

Orlando, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that Agapito Gonzalez-Ramirez (43, San Benito, Texas) today pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute and distribute marijuana. Gonzalez-Ramirez faces a maximum penalty of 5 years in federal prison.

According to court documents, Gonzalez-Ramirez used his position as a confidential informant for a law enforcement agency to identify drug traffickers under investigation. Gonzalez-Ramirez would contact the targeted traffickers and order a shipment of drugs on credit. Once Gonzalez-Ramirez sold the drugs, he would notify law enforcement, and order more drugs from the traffickers. When traffickers showed up at the second transaction with drugs, agents would arrest the traffickers. Gonzalez-Ramirez would keep the proceeds from the first drug deal and not disclose the deal to his controlling agents.

In October 2010, the Drug Enforcement Administration learned about Gonzalez-Ramirez. On October 8, 2010, DEA agents used another confidential informant, who posed as a buyer, to obtain approximately 40 pounds of marijuana from Gonzalez-Ramirez.

DEA agents then wired payment for the drugs into Gonzalez-Ramirez's bank account on October 22, 2010. At no time did Gonzalez-Ramirez tell anyone at the DEA or other law

enforcement agency about the drug transaction that took place on or about October 8, 2010, or the money that was deposited into Gonzalez-Ramirez's bank account on October 22, 2010.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Vincent A. Citro.