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## **ORLANDO MAN CONVICTED OF HEROIN IMPORTATION**

Orlando, Florida - U.S. Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that a federal jury yesterday found Hector Almedina (age 25 of Orlando, Florida) guilty of conspiracy to import heroin, importation of heroin, conspiracy to possess heroin with intent to distribute, and possession of heroin with intent to distribute. Almedina faces a minimum of 5 years up to a maximum of 40 years in federal prison. Almedina's sentencing hearing is scheduled for August 12, 2011.

According to the evidence presented at trial, on February 24, 2011, Customs and Border Protection in Miami, Florida intercepted a package from Colombia that contained 485 grams of heroin. The package was addressed to Almedina at his residence in Orlando, Florida. On February 25, 2011, an undercover officer delivered the package to Almedina at his residence. Minutes later, Almedina left his residence with the package to deliver it to another conspirator, Victor Manuel Salgado. Almedina was arrested by federal agents. Almedina agreed to cooperate with law enforcement, and he delivered the package to Salgado, who was then arrested.

Salgado pled guilty to conspiracy to import heroin on April 26, 2011. Salgado's sentencing is set for August 12, 2011. Salgado faces a minimum of 5 years up to a maximum of 40 years in federal prison.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Orange County Sheriff's Office, and the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Roger B. Handberg.