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PRESS RELEASE

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**MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO 51-MONTHS**  
**IMPRISONMENT ON FEDERAL NARCOTICS CONVICTION**

Earlier today, United States District Judge William P. Johnson sentenced **Froylan Torres-Hernandez**, a 38-year old Mexican national, to a 51-month term of imprisonment to be followed by five-years supervised release based on a narcotics trafficking conviction. Torres-Hernandez has been in custody since his arrest on February 12, 2010 when he was charged with possession of more than 500 grams of methamphetamine and less than 50 kilograms of marijuana with intent to distribute. He entered a plea of guilty to Count 1 of a three-count federal indictment on July 6, 2010 under a plea agreement with the United States Attorney's Office.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the charge against Torres-Hernandez stems from a traffic stop executed by the New Mexico State Police (NMSP) on Interstate 40 just west of Albuquerque shortly after noon on February 12, 2010. The criminal complaint filed in the case reflects that a NMSP officer stopped a vehicle driven by Torres-Hernandez's co-defendant, Reyna Dominguez-Trujillo, based on a seat-belt violation and learned that Dominguez-Trujillo did not have a valid driver's license. After

issuing a citation to Dominguez-Trujillo, the NMSP officer obtained verbal and written consent to search the vehicle from Dominguez-Trujillo and Torres-Hernandez and discovered approximately 20 pounds of methamphetamine and approximately 50 pounds of marijuana concealed in the rear portion of the vehicle's head liner.

According to his plea agreement, Torres-Hernandez admitted knowing that the methamphetamine and marijuana were concealed in the vehicle. Torres-Hernandez also admitted that he was getting paid for helping to drive and deliver the methamphetamine and marijuana to a third party in Georgia.

The case was being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen R. Kotz, and was investigated by the New Mexico State Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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