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**CALEXICO RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 216 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE**

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - March 21, 2013

United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that Alejandro Avilla-Soto was sentenced on Monday, March 11, 2013 before the Honorable Judge Roger T. Benitez, United States District Court Judge to serve 216 months in federal prison based on his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams of methamphetamine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846.

In his guilty plea, Avilla-Soto admitted to engaging in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine from his residence in Calexico, CA. According to court documents, the defendant's source of supply fronted the methamphetamine and allowed the defendant to pay for a portion of the drugs and the rest after it was sold.

The defendant entered his guilty plea on July 2, 2012, and has been in custody since his arrest by FBI agents on January 20, 2012.

This case is the result of an investigation conducted by the FBI Imperial County Safe Streets Task Force, a group of federal, state, and local law enforcement agents led by the FBI, investigating narcotics distribution and gang investigations.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 12CR0542BEN

Alejandro Avila-Soto

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846 – Conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance (Methamphetamine)

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Border Patrol
Immigrations and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations