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ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT

*Mexican National who illegally entered the United States on four occasions
is sentenced to seven years in prison*

LAFAYETTE, La. - Mexican National, Felipe Medrano-Victoria, 53, was sentenced today to seven years in prison, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced. Medrano-Victoria was sentenced by United States District Judge Tucker L. Melancon for illegal re-entry of a removed alien. Additionally, upon the completion of his term of imprisonment, Medrano-Victoria has voluntarily agreed not to contest a formal order of removal or deportation from the United States.

Medrano-Victoria was indicted in February 2009 after being arrested by a Customs and Border Protection agent in response to an immigration detainer. Medrano-Victoria pleaded guilty on May 7, 2009 to re-entry of a removed alien. From May 1976 to April 2006, the defendant illegally entered the United States on four occasions and was previously deported on three occasions. Medrano-Victoria last entered the United States on or about April 6, 2006, and was arrested in December 2007 by the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office on charges of possession with the intent to distribute cocaine. The defendant was convicted on these drug charges in October 2008, and was sentenced to serve two years imprisonment. Following his release from jail in January 2009, Medrano-Victoria was arrested by Customs and Border Protection.

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Medrano-Victoria is a citizen and national of Mexico and has no immigration documents allowing him to enter or work in the United States. It is illegal to re-enter the United States after being deported or removed without the consent of the U.S. Attorney General or the Secretary of Homeland Security. Medrano-Victoria admitted that he did not apply for or receive consent to re-enter the United States.

Sentencing in federal court is determined by the discretion of federal judges and the governing statute. United States Sentencing Guidelines established by the United States Congress and the United States Sentencing Commission are only used as guidelines by the judge in determining the appropriate sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system.

This case was investigated by Customs and Border Protection, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. McCoy.

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