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MEXICAN DRUG TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Emanuel De Jesus Sosa-Lopez, a/k/a Hector Barajas, 47, a previously-deported citizen of Mexico living in Houston, Texas, who was convicted of conspiracy to distribute, and possession with intent to distribute, five kilograms or more of cocaine, was sentenced to 20 years in prison by U.S. District Judge David G. Larimer. In addition, Sosa-Lopez was ordered to forfeit \$2,000,000 in United States currency.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank H. Sherman, who handled the case, stated that the defendant was involved with a group of individuals that distributed over 150 kilograms of cocaine in the United States between 2001 and 2005, primarily in Rochester, Chicago, New York City, Atlanta and New England. The cocaine was brought to the United States from Mexico. Sosa-Lopez was deported to Mexico in May 2002 as a result of a prior drug felony conviction in Georgia. It is anticipated that Sosa-Lopez will be deported again upon the completion of his sentence.

The sentencing is the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, under the direction of Wilbert L. Plummer, Acting Special Agent in Charge, New York Field Division, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of James C. Spero, Special Agent in Charge, the Rochester Police Department, under the direction of Chief James Sheppard and the United States Marshals Service, under the direction of Charles Salina.

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