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First Defendant Sentenced to 9 Years in Prison **Following Drug Bust on Private Plane**

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Isaac Basilio Rosas, 33, of Los Angeles, was sentenced to 9 years in federal prison, by Chief United States District Judge Karen K. Caldwell, for conspiracy to transport at least five kilograms of cocaine.

Basilio previously admitted that, on April 21, 2017, he and three other passengers transported approximately 80 bricks of cocaine from Van Nuys Airport in Southern California to Bluegrass Airport in Lexington, on a private plane. Each brick weighed approximately a kilogram. Basilio pleaded guilty to the charges in January 2018. Two other passengers of the plane, Robert Carlson and Cedric Fajardo, have also pleaded guilty and are awaiting sentencing.

Under federal law, Basilio must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence. Basilio is a Mexican National and will be deported from the United States after completing his sentence.

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; and Steven L. Igyarto, Resident Agent in Charge, Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations; and Richard Sanders, Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police, jointly made the announcement.

The Department of Homeland Security and the Kentucky State Police conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Dmitriy Slavin represented the United States.

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