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**PREVIOUSLY DEPORTED MEXICAN NATIONAL RECEIVES 44-MONTH
PRISON SENTENCE FOR UNLAWFUL RE-ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES**

ALBUQUERQUE – On July 25, 2011, in Albuquerque federal court, **Nicholas Martinez-De Lira**, 36, was sentenced to a 44-month term of imprisonment based on his conviction for re-entering the United States without authorization and after having previously been deported. Martinez-De Lira, a Mexican national, will be deported after completing his prison sentence.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said Martinez-De Lira was previously deported to Mexico from San Ysidro, California on August 5, 2010, subsequent to an aggravated sexual battery felony conviction.

Martinez-De Lira was arrested in this case on February 27, 2011 by United States Border Patrol Agents in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, after they determined that he was a Mexican citizen who was illegally in the United States. Martinez-De Lira has been in federal custody since that time. Martinez-De Lira entered a guilty plea to an indictment charging him with re-entry by a removed alien on May 6, 2011.

Assistant United States Attorney Holland S. Kastrin prosecuted the case, which was investigated by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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