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#### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - February 12, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Manuel Cabrera-Alejandre was sentenced today in United States District Court in San Diego by the Honorable William Q. Hayes to serve 90 months in custody based upon his conviction for being a deported alien found in the United States. Cabrera was found guilty on June 6, 2007, after a jury trial. In imposing the sentence, Judge Hayes found that Cabrera's 1989 conviction for lewd and lascivious acts upon a minor constituted an "aggravated felony" and justified a significant increase to his sentence.

According to court records, Cabrera was arrested on June 16, 2006, at approximately 1:15 a.m., by agents from the United States Border Patrol. The agents observed Cabrera walking down a road in Alpine, California, carrying a backpack. Upon seeing the agents, Cabrera attempted to hide in the brush, where he was later found. Cabrera was then arrested for being in the United States illegally.

The case was investigated by the United States Border Patrol.

**DEFENDANT** Case Number: 06CR1437-WQH

Miguel Cabrera-Alejandre

## **SUMMARY OF CHARGE**

Title 8 United States Code, Section 1326(a) and (b) (Deported alien found in the United States)

## **AGENCY**

Department of Homeland Security, United States Border Patrol