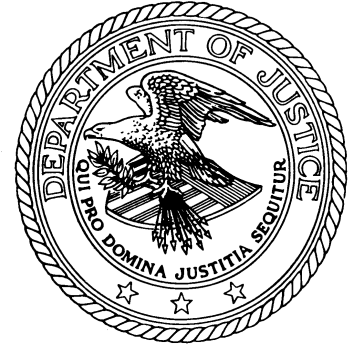


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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - March 10, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Jesus Garcia-Cardenas was sentenced today in United States District Court in San Diego by the Honorable M. James Lorenz to serve 70 months in custody based upon his conviction for being a deported alien found in the United States. Garcia-Cardenas entered a guilty plea to violating Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326 on October 15, 2007. In imposing the sentence, Judge Lorenz found that Cabrera's 1989 convictions for voluntary manslaughter and attempted robbery constituted "aggravated felonies" and justified a significant increase to his sentence. Garcia-Cardenas also has convictions for grand theft and providing false identification to a police officer.

According to court records, Cabrera was arrested in Tecate, California on November 2, 2006, at approximately 10:50 a.m., by an agent from the United States Border Patrol. At the time of his arrest, Garcia-Cardenas admitted that he was a Mexican citizen without any permission to enter the country. Garcia-Cardenas was then arrested for being in the United States illegally.

The case was investigated by the United States Border Patrol.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 06CR2425-L

Jesus Garcia-Cardenas

SUMMARY OF CHARGE

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

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