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LAFAYETTE COCAINE SUPPLIER SENTENCED

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MIGUEL HERNANDEZ, 32, Lafayette, Indiana, was sentenced to 250 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to one count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine. This case was the result of a four-month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Metro Drug Task Force, Beech Grove Police Department, and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

HERNANDEZ was one of four sources for a cocaine distribution organization that distributed approximately 170 kilograms of cocaine and several pounds of methamphetamine in Lafayette and Indianapolis between April, 2004 and May, 2005.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 5 years supervised release following HERNANDEZ's release from imprisonment. HERNANDEZ will be subject to deportation following the completion of his prison sentence and must refrain from re-entering the United States.