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EL SAVADOR NATIONAL CHARGED WITH REENTRY

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that OSVALDO SANTOS-CRUZ, 25, Mexico, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for illegal reentry after a conviction for an aggravated felony, following an investigation by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The indictment alleges that SANTOS-CRUZ was found illegally in the United States on or about April 9, 2007. He had been deported on September 14, 2005 from Miami, Florida, to his home country of El Salvador following a conviction for a felony battery in March 2005. SANTOS-CRUZ did not have permission to come back to the United States.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, SANTOS-CRUZ faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 20 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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