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MEXICAN METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICER SENTENCED

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that EVERARDO DE LA CRUZ-CUEVAS, 53, Apatinzgan, Michoacan, Mexico and Dallas, Texas, was sentenced late Friday to 235 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and distribution of methamphetamine. This case was the result of a two-month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Vincennes Police Department, and Vigo County Drug Task Force.

CUEVAS orchestrated the shipment of thirteen pounds of methamphetamine from Dallas to Terre Haute on October 28, 2006. The methamphetamine was seized by law enforcement. Evidence presented at the sentencing hearing indicated that CUEVAS had orchestrated the transportation of at least ten other shipments of methamphetamine, ranging from seven to ten pounds, during the three years preceding his arrest.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed five years supervised release following CUEVAS' release from imprisonment. In addition, CUEVAS, who is an illegal alien, will be deported to Mexico following the completion of his sentence.

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