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MEXICAN METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKER SENTENCED

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOEL TELLEZ, 26, Indianapolis, Indiana and Michoacan, Mexico, was sentenced to 190 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Chief Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and distribution of methamphetamine. This case was the result of a nine-month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Metro Drug Task Force, Beech Grove Police Department, Indianapolis Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Department, Vigo County Drug Task Force, Clay County Sheriff's Department..

TELLEZ was a drug runner for a methamphetamine trafficking organization operated by Jose Perez, a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana. Perez' organization also supplied methamphetamine along the I-70 corridor running from Indianapolis to Terre Haute. Perez' methamphetamine trafficking cell distributed approximately eighty to one-hundred pounds of methamphetamine per month from May, 2005 through June 8, 2006.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Chief Judge McKinney also imposed five years supervised release following TELLEZ' release from imprisonment. TELLEZ will be deported to Mexico following the completion of his sentence. During the period of supervised release, TELLEZ must refrain from reentering the United States.

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