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MONEY LAUNDERING DEFENDANT SENTENCED

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that RAUL CAMACHO, 23, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 108 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to conspiracy to launder monetary instruments. 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.

CAMACHO helped launder money for Jose Perez, the leader of a methamphetamine trafficking organization that 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. CAMACHO remitted drug proceeds from the United States to Mexico using the Western Union wire service. Perez used the drug proceeds to purchase real estate in Mexico, including an avocado farm and a personal residence.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed three years supervised release following CAMACHO'S release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, CAMACHO is subject to random searches of his person, residence, and vehicle.

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