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MEXICAN NATIONAL CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL REENTRY

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that REYMUNDO ROMERO-BENUMEA, 36, Mexico, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for alien reentry after having been deported for conviction of an aggravated felony, following an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The indictment alleges that on October 5, 2007, ROMERO-BENUMEA, a Mexican national, was found within the United States. ROMERO-BENUMEA had previously been deported from the United States to Mexico three times, once in 1994, once in 1997, and once in 2003. He was deported after he suffered convictions for two crimes which are considered aggravated felonies under immigration law.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, ROMERO-BENUMEA faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 20 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. ROMERO-BENUMEA will likely be deported following the current proceedings. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a United States 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 entering a guilty plea.

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