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MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS ON DRUG, GUN, AND IMMIGRATION CHARGES

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that NATHANIEL SANCHEZ-AVENDANO, also known as “Jesus Parra-Felix”, 32, Sinaloa, Mexico, who was illegally residing in Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 180 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to Possession with Intent To Distribute 500 Grams of Cocaine, Carrying a Firearm During a Drug Trafficking Crime, and Illegal Re-entry to the United States After Having Been Deported for an Aggravated Felony. This case was the result of a month long investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

SANCHEZ-AVENDANO was arrested in Indianapolis in July of this year after he was driving a vehicle containing 2 kilograms of cocaine and a loaded 9 mm semiautomatic handgun. Further investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents revealed that SANCHEZ-AVENDANO was previously deported from the United States to Mexico in 2004, following his conviction in the State of Arizona, for the aggravated felony of Possession of Narcotic Drugs For Sale. SANCHEZ-AVENDANO used the name Jesus Parra-Felix when he was arrested in Indianapolis in July of this year.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also ordered SANCHEZ-AVENDANO to surrender to Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials for deportation proceedings after serving his sentence.

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