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## **JURY CONVICTS SOUTH FLORIDA TRUCK DRIVER OF TRANSPORTING \$950,000 WORTH OF COCAINE FROM ARIZONA TO CENTRAL FLORIDA**

Orlando, FL - A jury in U.S. District Court, yesterday, found Adan GONZALEZ, 35, guilty of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine and possession with intent to distribute cocaine. The minimum term of imprisonment GONZALEZ faces is 10 years and the maximum penalty is life imprisonment and a \$4,000,000 fine. The sentencing hearing is scheduled for May 22, 2008.

Adan GONZALEZ was indicted with two other men on October 24, 2007. The other men remain fugitives.

According to evidence presented at trial, GONZALEZ, a truck driver from Miramar, Florida, enlisted the help of another South Florida truck driver to bring 50 kilograms of cocaine to the Orlando area where it was to be sold for \$950,000 (\$19,000 per kilogram). At the direction of Adan GONZALEZ, two other men provided the cocaine to the South Florida truck drivers in Phoenix, Arizona and all four men traveled in three separate vehicles (two tractor trailers and a Chrysler Pacifica) to Central Florida to sell the cocaine. Adan GONZALEZ oversaw the delivery of the cocaine, which was seized in Lake Mary, Florida, shortly after it was off-loaded from one of the tractor trailers at the Longwood Rest Area on Interstate 4 just north of Orlando. GONZALEZ slipped away from the scene

initially and was arrested over seven months later in Kansas while driving a tractor trailer with another man.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and was part of an investigation into a single Mexico-based drug trafficking organization that has resulted to date in the seizure of eight pounds of crystal methamphetamine and 93 kilograms of cocaine, the arrest of 11 persons, and the issuance of five federal indictments in Orlando. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney E. Jackson Boggs Jr.