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CALIFORNIA COCAINE SUPPLIER SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS

Jacksonville, Florida - On September 30, 2008, U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Corrigan, sentenced Oscar Davalos, age 30, formerly of California, to 18 years' imprisonment for distributing over 150 kilograms of cocaine in the Jacksonville area. Davalos was linked to a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seizure of over 40 kilograms of cocaine in February 2006, one of the largest cocaine seizures in Jacksonville DEA history. After a lengthy investigation, Oscar Davalos and co-defendant Jesus Sanchez, age 30, of California, were indicted by the United States Attorneys Office in Jacksonville. Sanchez was sentenced to over 12 years in prison on June 27, 2008. Davalos pled guilty on December 19, 2007.

According to court documents, Davalos and Sanchez were responsible for bringing over 150 kilograms of cocaine to Jacksonville from August 2005 through February 2006. The drug trafficking organization was also linked to operations in Arizona, Chicago, Atlanta, and Louisville, Kentucky. Evidence against Davalos included flight records showing multiple trips to Jacksonville, rental car records linking Davalos to the home where over 40 kilograms of cocaine was seized and a Sam's Club receipt showing that Davalos purchased a money counting machine in January of 2006.

The case was investigated by DEA. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Talbot.

