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## **TWO FEDERAL INMATES PLEAD GUILTY TO ASSAULT CHARGE**

*Defendants housed at the U.S. Penitentiary in Pollock, LA*

**Shreveport, Louisiana** . . . United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced that two inmates housed at the U.S. Penitentiary in Pollock, Louisiana, pleaded guilty today in U.S. District Court in Alexandria to assault charges. **ISRAEL MENDOZA**, age 35, and **ISRAEL SALINAS**, age 24, each pleaded guilty to assaulting another inmate.

An indictment was filed in March 2007 charging MENDOZA and SALINAS, along with three other inmates, with assaulting another inmate at the prison which resulted in serious bodily injury to the inmate. MENDOZA and SALINAS are the last two defendants to plead guilty in this case.

MENDOZA and SALINAS face an additional sentence of up to 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, or both. Sentencing for both defendants has been scheduled for July 11, 2008.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Alexandria Resident Agency, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Earl M. Campbell.

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