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TWO DEFENDANTS SENTENCED TO 30 AND 51 MONTHS FEDERAL PRISON UNDER PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM

LOS ANGELES, CA – John A. Torres, Special Agent in Charge, Los Angeles Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), announces the sentencing of two defendants investigated under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program.

Yesterday, U.S. District Court Judge Klausner sentenced Andrew Kim to 30 months in federal prison with three years supervised release, for violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1), a felon in possession of a firearm. Kim's sentence is to run concurrent with a six-year state sentence he is currently serving.

Also yesterday, U.S. District Court Judge Matz sentenced Jose Cardenas to 51 months federal prison and three years supervised release for violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a) and 1326(b)(2), being an illegal alien found in the United States following deportation.

PSN combats gun violence by bringing together local, state and federal law enforcement officials, prosecutors and community leaders to implement a comprehensive, strategic approach to reducing gun violence and promoting safe communities in the United States. ATF is the lead federal law enforcement agency in the PSN initiative, investigating violent firearms offenders, firearms traffickers, and gangs who use firearms.

ATF fights violent firearms crime by focusing on investigating firearms traffickers, armed career criminals and prohibited possessors; effectively regulating the firearms industry to prevent firearms diversion; and discouraging firearms violence through outreach efforts. More on ATF and its programs can be found at www.atf.gov.

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