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EVENT: Sentenced

Defendant: Salvador Hernandez-Cordova

ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED TO 96 MONTHS FOR UNLAWFUL RE-ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES

A 36-year-old Mexican citizen who returned illegally to the United States after having been previously deported after having been convicted of several felonies in Michigan and in Wisconsin was sentenced today to 96 months' in federal prison, Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced.

Salvador Hernandez-Cordova who has lived recently in Adrian, Michigan, was sentenced by United States District Judge Gerald E. Rosen.

Hernandez-Cordova originally came to the United States at the age of eighteen entering illegally in 1992 near El Paso, Texas. From 1994 to 2004, he was convicted of household burglaries, auto theft, and receiving stolen property in Milwaukee and Detroit. In May of 2005, he was deported to Mexico after serving his sentences.

Hernandez-Cordova reentered the United States illegally again in December 2005 near El Paso. He was later convicted for breaking into an automobile in Dearborn, resisting an officer in Milwaukee, and parole violation for a prior Michigan offense.

Hernandez-Cordova pleaded guilty before Judge Rosen to the offense of unlawful reentry after deportation for an aggravated felony. It is expected he will be deported again after serving his sentence in federal prison.

Acting United States Attorney Berg said, "Illegal entry after deportation is a serious enough federal crime, but any persons with a violent criminal past who try to re-enter the United States should realize that a long period of incarceration, such as the one imposed in this case, is what awaits them."

The case was investigated by special agents of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael R. Mueller.