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DEPORTED MAN SENTENCED TO NEARLY FOUR YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR RE-ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES

Atlanta, GA - ALEJANDRO MALDONADO, a/k/a "Adan Diaz-Maldonado," 49, of Guerrero, Mexico, was sentenced today by United States District Judge J. Owen Forrester on charges of illegal re-entry into the United States after previous deportation and felony conviction.

"We unfortunately have seen a large number of cases in which a person who is in the country illegally commits serious crimes, gets deported, and still returns to the United States," said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. "Such recidivism threatens the safety of our citizens and is often another crime waiting to happen. When we catch these repeat criminals, they will face several years in prison before they are deported again."

"These prosecutions send a strong message to criminal aliens who illegally re-enter the U.S. after being previously deported and this sentence demonstrates the significant consequences for those who show no regard for our nation's laws or our borders," said Raymond Simonse, field office director for the ICE Office of Detention and Removal Operations in Atlanta.

MALDONADO was sentenced to 3 years, 10 months years in prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release. MALDONADO was convicted of these charges on June 26, 2008, after entering a guilty plea.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: On February 21, 2008, the defendant was arrested in Cobb County for traffic offenses. Agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement researched the defendant's citizenship and determined via fingerprints that he was illegally in the United States and not only was previously deported, but was previously convicted of illegal sale of heroin and cocaine prior to his deportation.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Assistant United States Attorney Angela M. Jordan prosecuted the case.

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