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## **CALIFORNIA COCAINE SUPPLIER WHO SMUGGLED DRUGS TO JACKSONVILLE SENTENCED TO MORE THAN TWELVE YEARS**

Jacksonville, Florida - U.S. District Judge Timothy J. Corrigan, today sentenced Jesus Sanchez to twelve years and six months' imprisonment for distributing more than 150 kilograms of cocaine in the Jacksonville area. Sanchez, who resides near Los Angeles, California, was linked to a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seizure of more than 40 kilograms of cocaine in February 2006, one of the largest cocaine seizures in Jacksonville DEA history. After a lengthy investigation, Sanchez and Oscar Davalos were indicted by the United States Attorney's Office in Jacksonville. Sanchez pled guilty on December 14, 2007 and Davalos pled guilty on December 19, 2007. Davalos' sentencing was continued.

According to court documents, Sanchez and Davalos were responsible for bringing more than 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.

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

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