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ROCHELLE MAN SENTENCED TO 82 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ILLEGALLY REENTERING THE UNITED STATES

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; and GARY J. HARTWIG, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago Office of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security - U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Frederick J. Kapala today sentenced **JUAN MONTES DE OCA RAMIREZ**, 49, formerly of Rochelle, Illinois, to 82 months in prison for illegally reentering the United States following his 1996 deportation to Mexico. On November 16, 2007, Ramirez pleaded guilty and admitted that he had previously been deported from the United States to Mexico on July 17, 1996, subsequent to a conviction in Jim Wells County, Texas for murder. Ramirez further admitted in his plea agreement that after he had been deported, he illegally reentered the United States on or about 1998 near McAllen, Texas. Ramirez was found illegally present in the United States in Rochelle, Illinois, after he was arrested by the Rochelle, Illinois Police Department on December 30, 2006.

In addition to the 82 months prison sentence, the court ordered Ramirez to surrender to immigration authorities following his release from prison, as well as serve a period of supervised release of three years following his release from prison, and ordered Ramirez to pay a fine of \$10,000.

The case was investigated by the Chicago office of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and was assisted by the Rochelle, Illinois Police Department. The case was being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney MICHAEL D. LOVE.

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