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COCAINE COURIER SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 11 YEARS IN PRISON

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that SERGIO LEON-MORENO, 51, El Paso, Texas, was sentenced to 135 months imprisonment last Friday by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute cocaine. This case was the result of a three-month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Between July 20, 2007 through August 29, 2007, LEON-MORENO served as a drug courier for an El Paso and Indianapolis-based cocaine trafficking organization. LEON-MORENO transported approximately twenty-five kilograms of cocaine from El Paso to Indianapolis for the organization on July 28, 2007. Indianapolis-based members of the organization offloaded the cocaine on Rockville Road. The cocaine was distributed to customers in Indianapolis and Cincinnati, Ohio.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed five years supervised release following LEON-MORENO's release from imprisonment. LEON-MORENO, a citizen of Mexico, will be deported to Mexico following the completion of his prison sentence.

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