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FORMER EL PASO DEA AGENT PLEADS GUILTY

John E. Murphy, Acting U.S. Attorney announced today that George H. Brunner pleaded guilty to federal charges of aiding and abetting false statements on a visa application.

The indictment against Brunner charges that while employed as a Drug Enforcement Administration agent assigned to Juarez, Mexico, resident DEA office, he accepted money and gifts in exchange for assisting Mexican Nationals in obtaining non-immigrant visas in order to legally enter the United States.

Brunner faces up to 10 years in federal prison on the visa fraud charge.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's Office of Professional Responsibility, the U.S. Department of State and the Department of Justice—Office of Inspector General. Assistant United States Attorney J. Brandy Gardes is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government..

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