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CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO 63 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR ILLEGAL REENTRY AFTER DEPORTATION

TUCSON – Sabino Zamudio-Paredes, 48, of Tres Valles, Veracruz, Mexico, was sentenced to 63 months in prison by U.S. District Judge John R. Roll on Tuesday, April 28. Zamudio-Paredes had pleaded guilty last year to an indictment charging him with illegal reentry after deportation.

On August 18, 2008, U.S. Border Patrol agents in Douglas, Arizona, responded to a call from a Cochise County Sheriff's Deputy about illegal aliens bailing out of a vehicle. Ten of the aliens absconded into the desert, including Zamudio-Paredes. The agents ultimately found Zamudio-Paredes hiding in the brush. Upon apprehension, Zamudio-Lopez admitted that he was a citizen of Mexico with no legal authorization to be in the United States. Further investigation revealed that his criminal history included seven prior felony drug trafficking and/or firearms convictions dating from 1986 to 2003, and convictions for misdemeanor and felony illegal entry in 2005.

At his sentencing hearing, Zamudio-Paredes was sentenced to 63 months incarceration and 36 months supervised release for illegal reentry after deportation.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the United States Border Patrol. The prosecution was handled by Claire K. Lefkowitz, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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