

NEWS RELEASE



OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA San Diego, California

***United States Attorney
Karen P. Hewitt***

For Further Information, Contact:

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stewart M. Young at (619) 557-6228

For Immediate Release

JOSE CANSECO SENTENCED TO 12 MONTHS PROBATION

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - November 4, 2008

San Diego, CA - United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Jose Canseco was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego by United States Magistrate Judge Ruben B. Brooks to serve 12 months unsupervised probation, after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor for violating Title 21, United States Code, Sections 331(a) and 333(a)(1) - Misbranding of a drug.

The conviction and sentence arise from Canseco's detention on October 9, 2008, at the San Ysidro, California, Port of Entry. On that date, Canseco attempted to enter the United States from Mexico as the passenger in a black 2004 BMW. Canseco had in his control inside the vehicle a box containing six vials of Human Chorionic Gonadotropin ("HCG") and ten syringes. The six vials of HCG were labeled in Spanish and Canseco did not possess instructions for the HCG's use either on his person or in the vehicle. He also did not have a prescription for the HCG which he purchased in Mexico.

This case stems from an investigation conducted by agents from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement and officers from U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 08-CR-3761 MMA

Jose Canseco

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 331(a) and 333(a)(1) - Misbranding of a drug

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement
U.S. Customs and Border Protection