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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - December 15, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Armando Ramirez was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego to serve 235 months in prison, after his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. United States District Judge Marilyn L. Huff also ordered Ramirez to forfeit his interest in a residence, several vehicles (including a Hummer H2 and a BMW 330i), two firearms, and currency seized as proceeds or implements of the conspiracy.

According to court records, Ramirez was arrested in March 2006 with several others after a months-long investigation in which Drug Enforcement Administration agents seized over 150 pounds of methamphetamine and \$160,000 in United States currency. Evidence developed by agents indicated that Ramirez, working with several family members, repackaged methamphetamine received from Mexico, delivered methamphetamine orders to multiple sub-distributors in San Diego County, and collected payments from sub-distributors.

Twelve defendants arrested in the investigation have pled guilty, and three, including Ramirez, have been sentenced. Three defendants are still pending trial.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 06CR590-H

Armando Ramirez

SUMMARY OF CHARGE

Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, 841

AGENCIES

Drug Enforcement Administration
National City Police Department