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## **TUCSON MAN SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING**

TUCSON, Ariz. – Roberto Osuna Lopez, 37, of Tucson, was sentenced here today by U.S. District Judge Frank R. Zapata to 13 years in federal prison. Lopez pleaded guilty on January 7, 2008, to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute 6,066 pounds of marijuana.

Lopez admitted that between November 30, 2000 and August 14, 2001, he agreed with others named in the indictment to distribute approximately 6,066 pounds of marijuana in Tucson and New York City. Lopez obtained \$30,000 cash to help his co-conspirators pay for the transportation of 1,279 pounds of marijuana from Nogales, Ariz. to Tucson on December 2, 2000. The shipment was under surveillance by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and they confiscated it after it arrived in Tucson.

Subsequently, the FBI obtained court authorization for a wiretap and intercepted Lopez's telephone calls. This produced evidence of Lopez brokering marijuana deals between a Tucson supplier and buyers from out-of-state. Between the wiretap and other law enforcement efforts, three more shipments of marijuana tied to Lopez were confiscated: May 20, 2001 (240 pounds in Tucson), June 11, 2001 (84 pounds in Tucson) and August 14, 2001 (4,463 pounds in New York City).

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) comprised of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Pima County Sheriff's Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution was being handled by Mary Sue Feldmeier, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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