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MEXICAN MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 11 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR MARIJUANA DISTRIBUTION CHARGES

TUCSON, Ariz. – Mario Alexander Boconovick-Urbina, 24, of Mexico, was sentenced here on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 by U.S. District Judge Cindy K. Jorgenson to 135 months in prison for possession with intent to distribute between 100 to 1,000 kilograms of marijuana. Boconovick-Urbina pleaded guilty on February 6, 2008.

On August 26, 2007, Border Patrol Agents attempted to stop a truck driven by Boconovick-Urbina but instead of stopping, the defendant drove off at a high rate of speed forcing the agents to stop their pursuit in-order to avoid injury to innocent drivers. Later, a Border Patrol Agent encountered the truck in a wash near Ajo, Ariz. and exited his vehicle to investigate. Boconovick-Urbina drove his truck towards the agent who jumped out of the way to avoid being crushed. A short while later, Boconovick-Urbina drove into another Border Patrol Agent's vehicle in a parking lot causing extensive damage. Boconovick-Urbina fled on foot and was later apprehended. A search of his truck disclosed 50 bundles of marijuana weighing 1,120 pounds with an approximate street value of \$1.2 million.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the U.S. Border Patrol and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution was handled by Jesse Figueroa, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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