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## **MEXICAN MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 15 YEARS FOR DRUG, FIREARM AND IMMIGRATION OFFENSES**

TUCSON, Ariz. - Urbano Nario-Marquez, 35, a Mexican citizen, was sentenced to 184 months in federal prison by U.S. District Court Judge Frank R. Zapata. Nario-Marquez was found guilty by a federal jury on January 30, 2008, of Possession With Intent to Distribute Cocaine, Possession With Intent to Distribute Cocaine Base, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Possession of a Firearm by an Illegal Alien, and Possession of a Firearm in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Offense. On February 1, 2008, Nario-Marquez pleaded guilty to two additional charges of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and Possession of a Firearm by an Illegal Alien, as well as one charge of Illegal Re-Entry After Deportation, and also admitted to having violated his supervised release conditions imposed for a prior federal felony conviction.

On September 1, 2005, Nario-Marquez, a convicted felon unlawfully in the U.S., was in possession of 7.8 grams crack cocaine, 8.2 grams of powder cocaine, and a loaded .38 caliber handgun at the time he was stopped in Tucson by Tucson Police Officers for traffic violations. He was arrested for providing false information to law enforcement after he provided officers with a false name. A search of his vehicle subsequent to his arrest revealed the drugs and the firearm within a bag on the floorboard of the vehicle. Nario-Marquez denied knowledge of the drugs and firearm inside the bag, but after the officers eventually stopped him, they had witnessed his attempt to conceal the bag.

The two additional firearm charges and the illegal re-entry charge stemmed from his apprehension on a supervised release warrant on April 17, 2006. On that date, Deputy U.S. Marshals apprehended Nario-Marquez in a residence and found him in possession of a loaded .22 caliber revolver. That investigation revealed that Nario-Marquez had been deported on February 22, 2000, and July 1, 2003, following convictions in both Pima County Superior Court and U.S. District Court in Tucson.

The sentencing occurred on Friday, May 2, 2008. The investigation leading to the convictions was conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Tucson Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Angela W. Woolridge, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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