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## **WOMAN SENTENCED FOR SMUGGLING HEROIN INTO U.S.**

PHOENIX - Brenda Cabello-Jaramillo, 23, a U.S. citizen residing in San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Earl Carroll to three years in prison and five years of supervised release. She pleaded guilty on February 20, 2008 to importation of one kilogram or more of heroin.

On November 9, 2007, Cabello-Jaramillo drove a vehicle to the San Luis, Ariz. Port of Entry and was referred to a secondary inspection area. During that inspection, a narcotic detecting dog alerted to the left rear quarter panel of her vehicle. Officials from U.S. Customs and Border Protection found several packages concealed in the right and left rear quarter panels. Ultimately, the officials removed 11 packages from the vehicle. Ten packages contained a total of 9.927 kilograms of cocaine and one package contained 1.249 kilograms of heroin.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution was handled by James Morse Jr., Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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