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MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ASSAULTING U.S. BORDER PATROL AGENT

TUCSON, Ariz. – Jesus Ariel Figueroa-Huaraqui, 18, of Magdalena, Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced here on July 24, 2008, to 10 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Frank R. Zapata. Figueroa-Huaraqui pleaded guilty on April 24, 2008 to a charge of Assault on a Federal Officer Resulting in Bodily Injury.

On March 4, 2008, a U.S. Border Patrol Agent was performing his duties near Nogales, Ariz., when he encountered four people in the desert, including Figueroa-Huaraqui. When the agent identified himself, all four fled. The agent was able to catch Figueroa-Huaraqui who then struck the agent on his head and shoulder with his fist. They exchanged a few blows and after a brief struggle, Figueroa-Huaraqui apologized to the agent and stopped resisting. The agent determined that Figueroa-Huaraqui and the three others he was with were illegally in the country. The agent did not require medical attention beyond first aid.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Border Patrol. The prosecution was handled by Raquel Arellano, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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