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## **ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED TO 48 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT**

### PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that GERARDO SUARES-ORTIZ, aka ERASMO MONDRAGON-MONDRAGON, 33, Mexico, was sentenced to 48 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker following his guilty plea to Illegal Re-Entry of a Previously Deported Alien. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

On March 20, 2008, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement received information from Fishers Police Department regarding an individual, in their custody, identified as Erasmo Mondragon-Mondragon. Mondragon was arrested in Fishers, Indiana for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, Residential Entry, and Criminal Mischief.

Erasmo Mondragon-Mondragon was found to be GERARDO SUARES-ORTIZ a citizen of Mexico, who was convicted, on or about February 18, 1998, in Tippecanoe County Indiana Superior Court of Dealing in Marijuana in violation of I.C. 35-48-4-10, a class C felony. GERARDO SUARES-ORTIZ was deported via Laredo, Texas on January 8, 1999.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley P. Shepard, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed two years supervised release following SUARES-ORTIZ's release from imprisonment. SUARES-ORTIZ will be subject to deportation following completion of his prison sentence.

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