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CONVICTED DRUG DEALER FOUND IN UNITED STATES AFTER BEING DEPORTED IN 2006

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ALFREDO HERNANDEZ-LEAL, 41, Mexico, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for being a previously deported alien with a prior drug dealing conviction, following an investigation by the Marion County Probation Department and Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The indictment alleges that HERNANDEZ-LEAL had been convicted in Marion County Superior Court in January 2006 for a felony dealing in marijuana. He was then deported in April 2006. On December 8, 2008, he was found in Marion County without permission to be here.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, HERNANDEZ-LEAL faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 20 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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