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Press Release

USCIS EL PASO DISTRICT ASSISTS IN ARREST OF A CONVICTED PERSON

EL PASO- A man convicted of possession of a controlled substance in Alaska, April 1998, and again in El Paso, on October 1998, was arrested yesterday after officers from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) discovered that his conviction rendered him inadmissible.

Officers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested Armando Ascencion Sandoval, a native of Mexico, at the El Paso USCIS office, as Sandoval was attempting to file an application to renew his alien registration card. The violation was uncovered following routine background checks that are conducted for every applicant requesting specific immigration services or benefits.

“Public safety is paramount to this agency,” said District Director Raymond Adams. “When we encounter a non-citizen in a USCIS office who has violated the law, we will work with our law enforcement partners to take the appropriate action.”

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On March 1, 2003, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) became one of three former INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security.