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**MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS FOR
TRAFFICKING METHAMPHETAMINE IN FARMINGTON**

ALBUQUERQUE – Yesterday, a federal judge sentenced **Beatriz Adriana Cardenas-Uriarte**, 32, to a 144-month term of imprisonment for her methamphetamine trafficking conviction. Cardenas-Uriarte, a Mexican national born in Guamochil, Sinaloa, Mexico, will be deported after she completes her prison sentence.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Cardenas-Uriarte and co-defendant **Yan Carlos Servin-Lopez**, 25, also a Mexican national, were charged in a seven-count indictment filed on June 24, 2010. The indictment charged Cardenas-Uriarte with conspiring with Servin-Lopez and others to distribute methamphetamine in San Juan County, N.M., and distributing methamphetamine in San Juan County on five separate occasions between December 2009 and May 2010. Cardenas-Uriarte and Servin-Lopez were arrested on June 28, 2010, and have been in federal custody since that time.

According to court records, agents from the HIDTA Region II Narcotics Task Force and the DEA initiated an investigation into Cardenas-Uriarte in late 2009 after learning that she was trafficking methamphetamine in and around Farmington, N.M. Information obtained during the investigation revealed that Cardenas-Uriarte and her associates had ties to drug cartels from Sinaloa, Mexico, and regularly imported large quantities of methamphetamine to the Four Corners area. In early 2010, agents purchased more than a pound of methamphetamine from Cardenas-Uriarte during several undercover transactions. When the agents executed a search warrant at Cardenas-Uriarte's residence in Farmington in late May 2010, they seized an additional 150 grams of methamphetamine, bulk cash, a loaded firearm and drug packaging

paraphernalia.

On December 23, 2010, Cardenas-Urriarte entered a guilty plea to Counts 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 of the indictment under a plea agreement with the U.S. Attorney's Office. Servin-Lopez pled guilty to counts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the indictment on April 7, 2011. He remains in federal custody pending his sentencing hearing, which has yet to be scheduled.

The case was investigated by the HIDTA Region II Narcotics Task Force and the DEA, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jon K. Stanford.

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