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<u>MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED TO 210 MONTHS FOR FEDERAL HEROIN TRAFFICKING CONVICTION AND FORFEITS $491,637</u>

ALBUQUERQUE – This morning a federal judge in Albuquerque sentenced **Carlos Nohe Zamudio-Beltran**, 36, to 210 months (17.5 years) of imprisonment for his federal drug trafficking conviction. Zamudio-Beltran, a Mexican national from Culiacan, Sinaloa, will be deported after he completes his prison sentence.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Zamudio-Beltran was arrested on November 17, 2010, as a result of an investigation by the DEA and the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office (BCSO). He has been in federal custody since that time.

According to the criminal complaint filed in the case, on November 17, 2010, the DEA and BCSO executed a federal search warrant at Zamudio-Beltran's residence on the west side of Albuquerque. During the search, the DEA and BCSO seized a large quantity of heroin, a small amount of cocaine, a large quantity of U.S. currency, and drug paraphernalia. During a post-arrest interview, Zamudio-Beltran admitted that the narcotics and money belonged to him.

Zamudio-Beltran entered a guilty plea on June 27, 2011, and admitted possession of 2958 net grams of heroin and 25.6 net grams of cocaine with intent to distribute. Under the terms of the plea agreement, Zamudio-Beltran was required to forfeit $491,637 in drug proceeds that were seized from his residence and a vehicle parked in his garage.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Elaine Y. Ramirez, and was investigated by the DEA and BCSO.

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