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MEXICAN CITIZEN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES AFTER FELONY CONVICTION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a citizen of Mexico pleaded guilty in federal court today to being an illegal alien in the United States.

Raul Hermosillo-Bezuartea, 32, of Mexico, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to being an illegal alien who had been previously deported from the United States following a previous felony conviction.

By pleading guilty, **Hermosillo-Bezuartea** admitted that on Dec. 13, 2002, he was found residing in Kansas City without having obtained the consent of the United States. **Hermosillo-Bezuartea** also admitted that he was deported from the United States on Dec. 4, 1996, after receiving a felony conviction for first degree robbery.

As a result of his guilty plea, **Hermosillo-Bezuartea** faces a maximum sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole. **Hermosillo-Bezuartea's** sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Michael Green. The case was investigated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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