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MEXICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national was sentenced in federal court today for illegally re-entering the United States.

Miguel Moreno-Lopez, 36, of Mexico, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to five years of probation, conditioned on him not returning to the United States.

On Oct. 10, 2003, **Moreno-Lopez** pleaded guilty to illegally re-entering the United States. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he was found on Aug. 27, 2003, in Callaway County, Mo., after having been previously deported from the United States. **Moreno-Lopez** was deported from the United States on June 20, 2003, at Nogales, Ariz.

Moreno-Lopez was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 5, 2003, in Jefferson City, Mo.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the St. Louis, 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 www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow