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TWO MORE CO-DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY TO COCAINE CONSPIRACY AFTER 11 KILOS ARE DISCOVERED AT NORTHLAND APARTMENT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two more defendants pleaded guilty in federal court today to their role in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

Armando Urueta Sagarnaga, also known as Aron Garcia-Martinez, 30, of Kansas City, Mo., and **Sergio Ramos-Munoz**, 29, of Denver, Colo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 7, 2002. Both **Sagarnaga** and **Ramos-Munoz** are citizens of Mexico.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Sagarnaga** and **Ramos-Munoz** admitted that they agreed to provide 11 kilograms of cocaine for transportation to the New York area for distribution. **Ramos-Munoz** also agreed to forfeit to the United States a 2002 Ford F-150 truck that was used to facilitate the distribution of cocaine.

On March 11, 2003, co-defendant **Jenny Maria Moreno**, 19, of New York, N.Y., also pleaded guilty to her role in the cocaine conspiracy.

Drug Enforcement Administration agents were conducting surveillance on the defendants on October 28, 2002, Graves said, at a Kansas City hotel. Surveillance led agents to Sycamore Hills Apartments at 504 N. W. 55th Terrace in Kansas City, Mo., where **Sagarnaga** and **Ramos-Munoz** picked up a box containing the cocaine. Surveillance then led agents to Kelly Crossings apartment complex at 7831 N.W. Roanridge Road in Kansas City, Mo., where **Sagarnaga** lived, and agents observed the defendants engaged in activity in and around one of the garages. **Sagarnaga** and **Ramos-Munoz** were stopped by agents as they tried to exit the apartment complex, Graves said, and **Moreno** was stopped by agents as she tried to exit the garage. Graves said the DEA agents found the box containing 11 one-kilogram bundles of cocaine sitting on the

floor of the garage.

A search warrant was obtained for the apartment at Sycamore Hills, Graves added, where agents found a loaded Spanish-made Llama .32 caliber automatic pistol, cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Candace R. Cole. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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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