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MEXICAN NATIONAL RESIDING IN CAMDENTON PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGALLY RE-ENTERING THE UNITED STATES

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

Romaldo Viveros-Ortiz, 27, of Camdenton, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning in Jefferson City.

By pleading guilty, **Viveros-Ortiz** admitted that he was found on Sept. 6, 2003, in Camden County, Mo., after having been previously deported from the United States. **Viveros-Ortiz** was deported from the United States on June 24, 2003, at Laredo, Texas.

Viveros-Ortiz was originally charged in a criminal complaint filed on Aug. 19, 2003, in Springfield. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 3, 2003, in Springfield.

According to his plea agreement, **Viveros-Ortiz** was arrested on Sept. 6, 2003, after law enforcement officers were dispatched to a residence in Camden County, Mo., on a complaint that an area resident was burning trash.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Viveros-Ortiz** may be subject to a sentence of up to two years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine of up to \$250,000. His 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 United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Camden County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs

Enforcement.

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