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MAN SENTENCED FOR THREATENING FEDERAL OFFICIALS IN ARIZONA

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - June 16, 2009

San Diego, CA - United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Julian Javier Salazar-Martinez was sentenced yesterday in Phoenix, Arizona by the Honorable Neil V. Wake, United States District Court Judge for the District of Arizona, to serve 33 months in custody and three years of supervised release following his release from prison for two counts of Threatening a Federal Official.

According to Special Attorney Christopher P. Tenorio, who handled the prosecution, on July 15, 2008, Salazar-Martinez threatened to send another person to murder United States Attorney Diane J. Humetewa and Assistant United States Attorney Bret Alexander, both from the District of Arizona. According to court documents, Salazar-Martinez attempted to send a letter containing the threat while in custody and facing federal criminal charges. According to Tenorio, Salazar-Martinez intended to impede, intimidate, interfere with, and retaliate against Ms. Humetewa and Mr. Alexander for their roles in his prosecution for the

unrelated criminal charges. Tenorio, who is based in San Diego, was appointed to handle the prosecution as a Special Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice because the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona recused itself because the victims were its employees.

Salazar-Martinez pled guilty on February 24, 2009 to two counts of Threatening a Federal Official, in violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 115(a)(1)(B). Judge Wake ordered that the custodial sentence imposed today would run consecutive to the sentence of 24 months he is currently serving for his original offense of illegal re-entry.

DEFENDANT

Case Number

Julian Javier Salazar-Martinez

CR08-1119PHX-NVW

SUMMARY OF CHARGE

Title 18, United States Code, Section 115(a)(1)(B) - Threatening a Federal Official

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