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ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED TO 57 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ILLEGALLY REENTERING THE UNITED STATES

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and MATTHEW T. ALBENCE, Interim Associate Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement - Department of Homeland Security, today made the following announcement:

United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard yesterday (January 20, 2004) sentenced **JOSE RAFAEL POSADAS-IBARRA**, 33 (DOB: 3/21/70), 2519 Custer Ave, Rockford, Illinois, to 57 months in prison for illegally reentering the United States following his 1999 deportation for a state drug conviction.

On November 4, 2003, Posadas-Ibarra pleaded guilty and admitted that he had previously been deported from the United States to Mexico on November 23, 1999, subsequent to a conviction in Winnebago County, Illinois for possession of cocaine with intent to deliver. The defendant further admitted in his plea agreement that after he had been deported, he illegally reentered the United States. Posadas-Ibarro was found illegally present in the United States in Rockford, Illinois, and was arrested on September 26, 2003.

In addition to the 57 month prison sentence, the court ordered Posadas-Ibarra to surrender to immigration authorities following his release from prison, as well as a period of supervised release of two years following his release from prison.

The case was investigated by Chicago office of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a part of the Department of Homeland Security, formerly known as the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney Monica V. Mallory.

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