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MOTHER OF FOUR SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SMUGGLING CHILDREN INTO THE U.S.

TUCSON, Ariz. – Gloria Juarez-Armenta, 31, of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, was sentenced here today by U.S. District Judge David C. Bury to 18 months in federal prison to be followed by three years of supervised release. Juarez-Armenta pleaded guilty on November 2, 2007, to conspiring to transport an illegal alien.

On August 29, 2007, Juarez-Armenta presented herself for admission into the U.S. at the Nogales, Ariz. Port of Entry. Juarez-Armenta presented laser visas for herself and a 12-year-old girl accompanying her. Further investigation revealed that the laser visa did not belong to the girl, a Mexican citizen. Juarez-Armenta, also a Mexican citizen, was to receive \$100 to smuggle the child into the U.S.

According to the criminal complaint, Juarez-Armenta stated that she had been approached by an individual who asked her if she would take a young girl into the U.S. She agreed, and she and child were to be picked up by an unknown individual in a red truck once they reached Nogales, Ariz.

Juarez-Armenta, who is the mother of four daughters, ages 10, 7, 5 and 11 months, will be deported following her release.

The investigation was conducted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Nogales Port of Entry. The prosecution was handled by Cynthia R. Wood, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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