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## **BROTHER FROM CHANDLER ALSO SENTENCED FOR DRUGS AND MONEY LAUNDERING**

PHOENIX - Alfredo Santillan, 32, of Chandler, was sentenced here on April 21, 2008 by U.S. District Court Judge Stephen M. McNamee to two concurrent 48 month terms in federal prison. Santillan pleaded guilty on April 24, 2007 to separate counts of Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering and to Conspiracy to Possess with the Intent to Distribute 100 Kilograms or More of Marijuana. Alfredo's brother Juan Manuel Santillan, 33, of Chandler, was sentenced on March 24, 2008 by Judge McNamee to two concurrent 48 month terms in federal prison.

In his guilty plea, Alfredo Santillan acknowledged that beginning around April 2, 2004 he conspired with his brother Juan and others to commit money laundering. Alfredo Santillan stated that he and Juan made large sums of money from their involvement in the distribution of marijuana. Alfredo Santillan stated in his plea that the money they earned was disguised by knowingly titling property in the name of his mother and others. The property, a residence located in Gilbert, Ariz., was to be used for the purpose of marijuana trafficking.

Santillan admitted that he had purchased a \$39,000 Escalade and a \$13,600 Honda Motorcycle using checks and cash earned from the distribution of marijuana. Santillan also admitted that the 997 kilograms of marijuana seized by government agents on February 6, 2005 from a tractor-trailer was to be distributed by Santillan and his brother Juan.

Judge McNamee also ordered Alfredo Santillan to forfeit \$22,500 and his interest in the following items: two weapons; a 2002 Cadillac Escalade EXT; a 2002 BMW 745L Sedan; a 2003 Cadillac Escalade; a 2001 BMW M3; a 2002 BMW 745i; a 2003 Big Dog Custom Pitbull Motorcycle; a 1999 Isuzu NPR – Box Truck; and assorted jewelry with a value of \$42,010.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration with the assistance of the Arizona Department of Public Safety. The prosecution was handled by Glenn B. McCormick, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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