



*Office of the United States Attorney
District of Arizona*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Tuesday, March 3, 2009

For Information Contact Public Affairs
SANDY RAYNOR
Telephone: (602) 514-7625
Cell: (602) 525-2681

YUMA WOMAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON ON COCAINE CHARGE

PHOENIX – Mayra Iveth Sanchez, 22, of Yuma, Ariz., was sentenced here yesterday by U.S. District Judge David G. Campbell to 10 years in federal prison. Sanchez pleaded guilty on September 29, 2008, to one count of Possession with Intent to Distribute Five Kilograms or more of Cocaine.

Sanchez was arrested while trying to enter the San Luis, Ariz. Port of Entry on March 27, 2008. She was referred to secondary inspection where U.S. Customs and Border Protection officials found an after-market hidden compartment in the vehicle between the dashboard and firewall. There they discovered 24 packages of cocaine weighing a total of 28.7 kilograms.

The investigation in this case was conducted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution was handled by Ann Birmingham Scheel, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

CASE NUMBER: CR-08-454-PHX-DGC
RELEASE NUMBER: 2009-065(Sanchez)

###

For more information on the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona, visit <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/az/>