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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Misain Uriostegui-Castaneda, 24, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced yesterday by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 30 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, for distributing a half-kilogram of cocaine. Uriostegui-Castaneda pleaded guilty to this charge on December 18, 2008. Upon completion of his sentence, Uriostegui-Castaneda will be deported to Mexico.

On August 11, 2008, co-defendant Mario Morales-Rosa and defendant Uriostegui-Castaneda fronted a half-kilogram of cocaine to one of Morales-Rosa's customers, whom they did not realize was working with the police as a confidential informant. Morales-Rosa and the informant agreed that the informant would pay Morales-Rosa \$11,500 for the half-kilogram the next day, when the informant would also receive another one-kilogram of cocaine. Morales-Rosa and the informant arranged to meet on August 12, 2008, in the parking lot of the West Towne Mall in Madison. Morales-Rosa and Uriostegui-Castaneda were arrested when they arrived at the parking lot and officers located the kilogram of cocaine in Morales-Rosa's car.

On March 4, 2009, Morales-Rosa, also a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced to eight

years in prison. Morales-Rosa will also be deported upon completion of his sentence.

The charge against Uriostegui-Castaneda is the result of an investigation by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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