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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Ramiro Ortiz-Raigoza, 21, a citizen of Mexico, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 6 months in prison for illegally re-entering the United States. Ortiz-Raigoza pleaded guilty to this offense on March 11, 2009.

The defendant was arrested in Rock County for obstructing a police officer on November 22, 2008. He also had 10 outstanding arrest warrants at the time of his arrest. After taking the defendant into custody, the defendant was fingerprinted and those fingerprints established that he had been deported from the United States to Mexico on September 15, 2006.

The charge against Ortiz-Raigoza was the result of an investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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