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## **Criminal Alien Convicted, Sent to Prison** **Prior Convictions include Aggravated Assault with a Weapon**

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**Tucson, Ariz.** – Earlier this week, an illegal immigrant with a serious criminal history was convicted and received a total of 48 months in federal prison.

On Tuesday, Jorge Luis Marquez-Lopez, a 31 year-old male from Sinaloa, Mexico, was sentenced to 48 months in prison for attempting to re-enter the United States illegally.

The U.S. Attorney's Office prosecuted Marquez after he was apprehended on March 29, 2011, near Lukeville, Ariz. During processing at the Ajo Station, the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) revealed that Marquez was convicted on July 14, 1999, in Maricopa County for Aggravated Assault with a Weapon and sentenced to three and a half years in prison. Record checks also indicated that Marquez was previously deported on December 8, 2005, in Brownsville, TX.

Following initial processing, the Tucson Sector Prosecution Unit submitted the case to the U.S. Attorney's Office for Re-Entry of an Aggravated Felon. Following his incarceration for 48 months, Marquez will be formally removed from the country.

All aliens apprehended by the Border Patrol undergo criminal history checks using IAFIS. This vital tool accesses criminal records throughout the United States, thereby assisting agents in quickly identifying violent criminals and wanted persons.

In January 2011, the Tucson Sector Border Patrol implemented the Consequence Delivery System (CDS) as an integral component of its enforcement strategy. The CDS centers on delivering a targeted consequence to illegal aliens and simultaneously seeks to disrupt the smuggling cycle and reduce recidivism rates by ensuring consequences are upheld to the fullest extent of the law. The CDS includes several different "impact" programs.

Criminal prosecution is one of the impact programs in which individuals with criminal records are prosecuted and subject to jail time.

Since launching the Southwest Border Initiative in March 2009, the Department of Homeland Security has made significant investments towards establishing a secure and safe border environment and improving the quality of life throughout the communities in the state of

Arizona.

The Border Patrol welcomes assistance from the community. Report suspicious activity by calling toll free **(877) 872-7435**. All calls will be answered and will remain anonymous.

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