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Previously Deported Mexican National Sentenced To 8 Years For Returning To U.S.

A Mexican national who has been deported from the United States at least five previous times was sentenced today to eight years in federal prison for unlawful re-entry, U. S. Attorney Lanny Welch announced. The defendant was sentenced here by U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Marten.

The defendant, Raudel Medrano-Estrada, 46, who has lived in the Dodge City, Kan., area for much of the past 15 years, pleaded guilty Sept. 14 to re-entry after deportation subsequent to conviction for an aggravated felony. Among his criminal convictions are sale of cocaine and methamphetamine in Ford County, Kan.

Welch commended the Dodge City Police Department, the Ford County Sheriff's Department, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson for their work on the case.

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