



U.S. Immigration
and Customs
Enforcement

September 17, 2004

Contact: Tim Counts
(952) 853-2602

News Release

CONVICTED ST. PETER SEX OFFENDER DEPORTED

BLOOMINGTON, Minn.— U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers here Wednesday deported a registered sex offender Wednesday who had been convicted of four counts of criminal sexual conduct involving a 15-year-old St. Peter girl.

Government documents show that Isidro Arreaga-Manzera, of Mexico, has used 17 aliases and 6 different dates of birth throughout a criminal career that stretches back to 1992.

His record includes convictions for narcotics possession, grand theft, burglary and fraud. He also admitted to being an active street gang member and had been previously removed from the United States three times.

Arreaga-Manzera said that he most recently paid a smuggler \$1,000 to bring him into the United States near El Paso in May 2001. He traveled to Minnesota, where he met his 15-year-old victim and rented a room for sexual liaisons at the Viking Jr. Motel in St. Peter on four separate occasions during July 2001. He was convicted Feb. 14, 2002 of four counts of 3rd degree criminal sexual conduct and sentenced to 96 months in prison.

Arreaga-Manzera came to ICE's attention when a St. Peter police officer notified ICE of his presence in Nicollet County Jail. An ICE officer subsequently interviewed him and placed an administrative hold order on him so that ICE would be notified prior to his release.



“This is the result of law enforcement partners working together instead of independent of one another,” said ICE Field Office Director Scott Baniecke. “Otherwise, this registered sex offender might have been released back into the community.”

Aggeaga-Manzera’s removal is part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative designed to protect children from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents in Minnesota have arrested 120 alleged sexual predators to date, making it one of the top ten states nationwide in number of apprehensions. Nationwide, ICE agents have arrested more than 4,000 sexual predators.

Since the federal government’s fiscal year reporting period began Oct. 1 through July 31, ICE officers in the jurisdiction covering Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska have removed a total of 3,133 people who originally came from more than 40 countries. Of the 3,133 removals, 1,535 were criminal aliens. The remainder had committed immigration status violations.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). ICE seeks to prevent acts of terrorism by targeting the people, money and materials that support terror and criminal networks.