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Drug Conviction Yields 11 Years For Man Bragging He Would Return if Deported *Defendant Was Dealing And Smoking Drugs In Front Of His Infant Child*

A man living in Chandler who admitted to having been deported a number of times and was found to be using 16 different aliases has been sentenced following a conviction on a drug charge.

Border violator Remigio Perez Roman, 41 (DOB 10/01/67), has been sentenced to 11 years in prison, County Attorney Andrew Thomas announced today. Roman pled guilty to Possession for Sale of Narcotic Drugs, a class two felony with one prior felony conviction, on March 30, 2009. The sentence was issued on May 1, 2009 in the courtroom of Judge Connie Contes.

According to a Chandler police probable cause statement, on April 9, 2008, detectives were contacted by a citizen who reported drug activity being conducted at the defendant's apartment on S. Arizona Avenue. The citizen complained that Roman was dealing and smoking drugs from the apartment. Furthermore, the citizen advised that Roman was smoking cocaine in front of his infant child. Later in the afternoon, a reliable source contacted detectives to report on the same activity. Under the direction of detectives, the source made a purchase of cocaine from Roman. The cocaine was field tested and it tested positive. A search warrant was issued on April 10, 2008 to search the apartment. When detectives knocked on the door, Roman refused to answer and the door had to be kicked in. Detectives found Roman trying to conceal bags of cocaine. Additionally, Roman's two month old child was sitting in a baby swing near the front door. Roman admitted to being in possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia and that he was in the country illegally. He bragged that he would be back in a few months if deported again.

"This defendant will be deported again...in 2020," said Thomas. "Between now and then he'll be doing time away from society and away from his child whom he placed in danger on a daily basis."

Deputy County Attorney Christopher Sammons prosecuted the case.

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