

Mexican national, smuggler, residing in Massachusetts charged with illegal reentry at least 8 times

"A Mexican man pleaded guilty today in federal court in Boston to unlawfully reentering the United States after deportation.

Pedro Romo-Gonzalez, 42, pleaded guilty to unlawful reentry of a deported alien before U.S. District Court Judge Richard G. Stearns, who scheduled sentencing for Dec. 19, 2023. Romo-Gonzalez was indicted by a federal grand jury in June 2023.

On at least eight separate occasions between April 1998 and July 2010, Romo-Gonzalez was removed from the United States or voluntarily returned to Mexico. After each removal, he illegally re-entered the United States without obtaining the appropriate permission to reenter. He was first encountered by federal authorities in April 1998 after he entered the United States via California without being admitted by an immigration officer. In December 2009, Romo-Gonzalez was convicted in Arizona state court of solicitation to commit smuggling. Most recently, on June 13, 2023, federal immigration authorities were notified of Romo-Gonzalez presence in Massachusetts after he was arrested on unrelated state charges.

The charge of unlawful reentry of a deported alien provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Todd M. Lyons, Field Office Director, Boston, U.S. Immigration and Customs

Enforcement's Enforcement and Removal Operations; and Westford Police Chief Mark Chambers made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Suzanne Sullivan Jacobus of the Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case."-Massachusetts Department of Justice.