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**NEWS RELEASE**

**RE:** Cause No. 09-CR-2314-D;  
State of Texas v. Daniel C. Hernandez – D.O.B. 10/14/1977

**Jury sentences Brownsville Man to 18 years in Prison**

Brownsville, Texas – August 11, 2010 – Armando R. Villalobos, County and District Attorney for Cameron County announces today that Daniel C. Hernandez, 32, of Brownsville, Texas, was sentenced to 18 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Institutional Division for possession of marijuana.

Facing up to 20 years in prison, the jury in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court handed the defendant Hernandez an additional \$10,000 dollar fine.

“Our community has spoken,” Chief First Assistant District Attorney Charles E. Mattingly Jr. said. “We are pleased with the jury’s verdict. They sent a clear message that individuals who deal in drugs and violence will not be tolerated.”

Assistant District Attorneys Mario Cisneros and Pete Gilman secured this conviction and presented evidence to the court during the two-day jury trial.

Hernandez was arrested on July 21, 2009, by the Cameron County Sheriff’s Office Special Investigation Unit at the United States Postal Office parking lot on Los Ebanos Street.

He was attempting to ship out a cardboard box containing six bundles of marijuana. The estimated amount of marijuana seized was 14 pounds with an estimated street value of \$6,000.

For more information, contact the Cameron County and District Attorney’s Office at (956) 544-0849.

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