

Springfield man sentenced in money laundering case

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Jose Guadalupe Amezcua is sentenced for laundering money he believed to be drug-sales proceeds

EUGENE, Ore. — Jose Guadalupe Amezcua, 45, of Springfield, Oregon, was sentenced to six-months in a community corrections center Tuesday by U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken for money laundering. Amezcua also must perform 500 hours of community service as part of a five-year term of probation.

Amezcua pleaded guilty to the charges in September 2007, and admitted that he served as a wire transfer agent in El Rincon Mexicana Store, a business at 2646 River Road in Eugene.

In March of 2005, Amezcua was approached by an undercover federal agent who represented himself to be an out-of-area drug dealer, and said he wanted to send over \$10,000 to Mexico but didn't want to complete paperwork because the funds were from drug proceeds.

The agent told Amezcua that he had several fake IDs and could use different names. Amezcua structured the transaction into four smaller wire transfers, all less than \$3,000 each.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation.

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