Salvadoran national sentenced in Massachusetts for illegal reentry after deportation

A Salvadoran national, who previously resided in East Boston, was sentenced yesterday for illegally reentering the United States after being deported.

David Sanchez Murcia, 38, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Patti B. Saris to time-served (approximately 18 months in prison) and one year of supervised release. Sanchez Murcia will be placed into removal proceedings. In January 2020, Sanchez Murcia pleaded guilty to unlawful reentry of a deported alien.

In 2018, immigration authorities learned that Sanchez Murcia, who was illegally present in the United States, was arrested and charged in Suffolk County with rape of a child in November 2017. Sanchez Murcia posted bail on the rape charge and was released; ICE was not contacted. In 2018, ICE encountered Sanchez Murcia, placed him into removal proceedings, and on June 6, 2018, he was deported to El Salvador.

Sometime after his 2018 removal, Sanchez Murcia illegally returned to the United States and was rearrested on the open child rape charges and held on bail. ICE learned of his return and in July 2019, Sanchez Murcia was charged federally with illegal reentry. Sanchez Murcia went to trial on the rape charge in February 2020, which resulted in a mistrial. On April 17, 2020, Sanchez Murcia was released on the rape charges on personal recognizance, and was immediately taken into federal custody. On April 29, 2020, the state dismissed its case.

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Enforcement, Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), New England Field Office made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth G. Shine of Lelling’s Major Crimes Unit prosecuted the case.