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### PRESS RELEASE

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### **ARIZONA WOMAN INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE \$13,000 INTO MEXICO**

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced that on November 18, 2010, a federal grand jury in Las Cruces returned an indictment alleging that Daisy Beltran, 19, of Tempe, Arizona, attempted to smuggle more than \$10,000 in currency out of the United States. Beltran, who appeared in United States District Court in Las Cruces earlier today for her arraignment, is charged in the indictment with violating 31 U.S.C. § 5332, which makes it a crime for a person to evade reporting requirements by knowingly concealing more than \$10,000 in currency when transporting the currency out of the country.

A criminal complaint was filed in United States District Court on August 27, 2010, alleging that on August 25, 2010, inspectors at the Columbus Port of Entry found \$13,700 in Beltran's purse. According to the complaint, before the inspectors found the cash, Beltran declared that she was not carrying any currency in excess of \$10,000.

Beltran also is charged in the indictment with structuring transactions to evade currency reporting requirements, in violation of 31 U.S.C. § 5316. The maximum penalty for both charged offenses is five years of imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine and three years of supervised release.

This case was investigated by Immigration & Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations and Assistant United States Attorney Michael Nammar is the prosecutor assigned to the case.

An indictment or criminal complaint is only an accusation. All criminal defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.