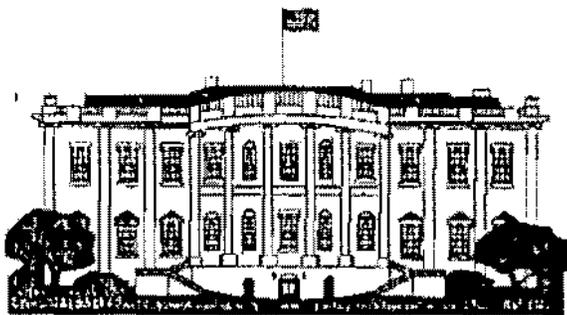


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Drug Kingpins

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**WHITE HOUSE DRUG POLICY DIRECTOR MCCAFFREY ISSUES STATEMENT
ON THE CONVICTION OF DRUG KINGPIN JUAN GARCIA ABREGO**

General Barry McCaffrey (Ret.), Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, today praised U.S.-Mexico cooperation and congratulated the prosecutors in the Houston U.S. Attorney's Office on the conviction of drug kingpin Juan Garcia Abrego in U.S. District Court. Both General McCaffrey and United States Attorney Gaynelle Griffin Jones commended the Mexican Attorney General's Office for their assistance throughout the investigation, and their exceptional efforts in evidence gathering. Garcia Abrego was convicted on charges that he masterminded the transportation of nearly 15 tons of cocaine into the United States, and illegally laundered approximately \$10.5 million. A jury also found \$350,000,000 in forfeitable assets.

McCaffrey stated, "The successful conclusion of this case is an example of outstanding U.S.- Mexican cooperation in bringing drug traffickers to justice. Juan Garcia Abrego was one of the hemisphere's most wanted criminals. He was a kingpin bringing huge quantities of deadly poisons to our youth. We must continue to foster and maintain a coalition of nations, of democracies, to destroy the international trafficking organizations who use their narcodollars to hurt our citizens and threaten our governments' integrity."

In March, the White House announced agreement between President Clinton and Mexican President Zedillo establishing a U.S.-Mexico High Level Contact Group to intensify efforts by both nations to eliminate drug trafficking and address the common menace of the international criminal organizations that are responsible for it. General McCaffrey, who heads the U.S. delegation, has twice met with senior-level Mexican officials to focus on institution building and law enforcement cooperation to eradicate drugs and drug trafficking, especially the flow of drugs from Mexico into the U.S. across the Southwest border. The next meeting of the High Level Contact Group is scheduled for December, 1996 in Mexico.

Abrego was arrested on January 14, 1996 by Mexican authorities. He was expelled to the United States and arrested on a warrant from Texas charging him with conspiracy to import cocaine and the management of a continuing criminal enterprise. He actively engaged in the bribery and attempted bribery of Mexican and American officials in an effort to promote his drug enterprise, most of which occurred in the "Matamoros Corridor" along the South Texas border. These drugs were widely distributed throughout the United States, including Houston, Dallas, Chicago, New York, New Jersey, Florida, and California.



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JUAN GARCIA ABREGO FOUND GUILTY ON ALL COUNTS

United States Attorney Gaynelle Griffin Jones announced today that a federal jury sitting in Houston returned a guilty verdict against Juan Garcia Abrego. The jury found Abrego guilty on all 22 of the counts in which he was charged. The charges included drug trafficking, money laundering and operating a continuing criminal enterprise, also known as the "The Drug Kingpin Statute."

Testimony presented during trial showed that Abrego and his organization were responsible for smuggling multiple tons of cocaine and marijuana into the U.S. including over 100,000 kilograms of cocaine and 46,000 pounds of marijuana from Mexico into the United States between 1980 and 1996.

The defendant actively engaged in the bribery and attempted bribery of Mexican and American officials in an effort to promote his drug enterprise and ensure the successful smuggling, transportation and distribution of narcotics. Most of the trafficking activity occurred through the "Matamoros Corridor" controlled by Abrego along the south Texas border. The drugs were then widely distributed throughout the United States, including Houston, Dallas, Chicago, New York, New Jersey, Florida and California.

Evidence presented during trial showed that Abrego systematically eliminated his drug trafficking competition through extortion, threats and various acts of violence including murder. Additional testimony showed that Abrego, also known as "El Patron", "El Senor", "La Muneca" and "El Director", ordered the murder of two Mexican newspaper reporters who had published a series of articles criticizing the defendant and his drug trafficking activities.

Juan Garcia Abrego was originally indicted in 1993. Through the efforts of Mexican authorities, Abrego was apprehended in January of this year, expelled to the United States and taken into custody by the FBI.

In the original indictment, the government sought to forfeit approximately \$275 million of the defendant's assets which were alleged to have been the proceeds of his drug trafficking activities.

United States Attorney Gaynelle Griffin Jones commends the Mexican Attorney General's Office for their assistance throughout the investigation and their exceptional efforts in gathering evidence on the case.

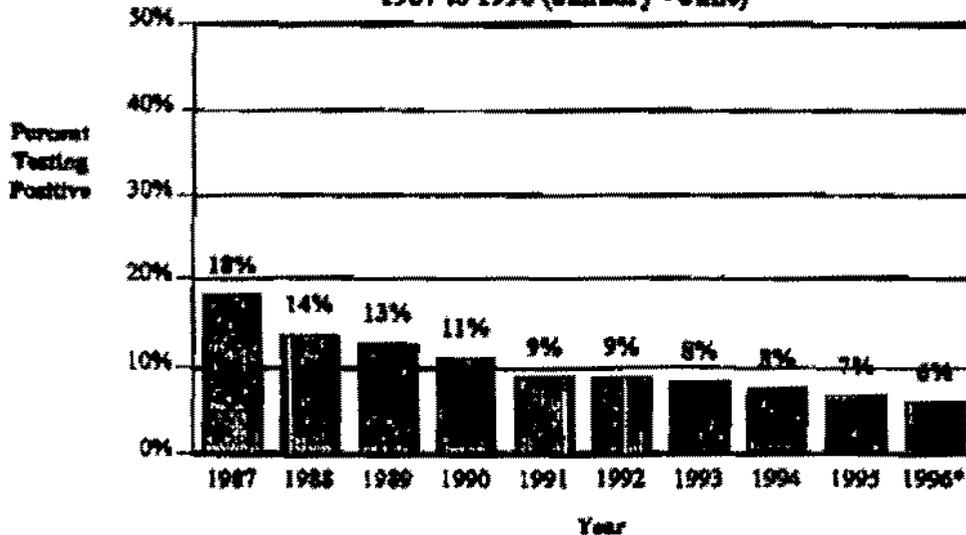
This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service, Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Customs Service with assistance from the Department of Public Safety.

University of Maryland at College Park

Drug Positives Continue to Decline Among Tested U.S. Workforce

Since 1987, SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories has conducted drug tests on nearly 22 million urine samples[†] from U.S. workers. Their most recent drug testing index shows that the percentage of positive drug tests in the workplace continues to decline. In the first six months of 1996, 6% of the tests were positive for at least one illicit drug, down from 18% in 1987. Marijuana continues to be the most widely detected drug (3.6% tested positive for marijuana in the first half of 1996) followed by cocaine (1.0%). Similar declines in self-reported use have been found among U.S. workers studied by the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (see CESAR FAX, Volume 5, Issue 23).

Percentage Testing Positive for at Least One Illicit Drug,
Among U.S. Workforce Tested by SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories,
1987 to 1996 (January - June)



*January through June 1996.

[†]Drugs tested for included marijuana, cocaine, opiates, amphetamines, PCP, benzodiazepines, and barbiturates. More than 2 million tests were conducted from January to June of 1996. Reasons for testing include pre-employment, periodic, random, post-accident, for cause, and returned to duty.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from SmithKline Beecham Drug Testing Index, SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories, Collegeville, PA, October 1, 1996. For more information, contact Thomas Johnson at 610-454-6302 or 800-877-7478.

CESAR SEEKING FULL-TIME INTERVIEWER/EVALUATOR

Experienced interviewer/evaluator wanted to help evaluate a residential drug treatment program for women. Must have experience conducting in-person interviews with comparable population. Knowledge of SPSS and Lotus 123 preferred. Please fax resume and references to Ms. Midriff at 301-403-8342. The University of Maryland is an AA/EEOE.

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