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A Mexican **immigrant** jailed on a drug trafficking charge was **freed** in a plea deal after the authorities learned that a federal agent had him pose for a **demeaning photograph** wearing a sombrero and holding a Mexican flag. The **immigrant**, Jorge Hernandez-Villalvazo, a native of Mexico with permanent United States residency, was arrested in April 2005 on a charge of conspiring to traffic in cocaine. District Attorney C. Colon Willoughby Jr. of Wake County said the photo had been taken by a Drug Enforcement Administration agent assisting in Mr. Hernandez-Villalvazo's arrest.

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