



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIPLOMACY IN ACTION

Narcotics Rewards Program: Ismael Zambada-Garcia

BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AFFAIRS

WANTED



(Aliases: El Mayo, El Ingeniero Quinto, Jesus Loaiza Avendano, Javier Garcia-Hernandez, Ismael Higuera-Renteria, Ismael Mario Zambada-Garcia)

DOB: January 1, 1948

POB: Mexico

Nationality: Mexican

Citizenship: Mexico

Height: 5 feet 9 inches

Weight: 160 pounds

Hair Color: Brown

Eye Color: Brown

Ismael Zambada-Garcia aka Mayo Zambada, one of Mexico's most wanted criminals, gained notoriety in the 1990's as a major coordinator for several Mexican drug trafficking organizations and as a principal member of the Amado **Carrillo-Fuentes** Organization. In the late 1990's, **Zambada-Garcia** emerged as one of the strongest drug traffickers in Mexico, capable of transporting multi-ton quantities of cocaine and marijuana and multi-kilogram quantities of heroin. Currently, **Zambada-Garcia** operates primarily in the States of Sinaloa and Nayarit, but exerts influence along a large portion of Mexico's Pacific coast, as well as in Cancun, Quintana Roo, and Monterrey, Nuevo Leon.

The **Zambada-Garcia** Organization receives multi-ton quantities of cocaine, via maritime means from Colombian sources of supply. After receipt of the cocaine, the **Zambada-Garcia** Organization uses a variety of methods, including airplanes, trucks, and cars to transport the cocaine to the United State-Mexico border. Members of the **Zambada-Garcia** Organization smuggle the cocaine to distribution cells, including major cells in Arizona, California, Chicago, and New York.

The **Zambada-Garcia** Organization, as with other major Mexican organizations, relies on currency shipments to move drug proceeds across the United States-Mexico border. **Zambada-Garcia** has invested in a number of businesses within Mexico. For example, through family members, **Zambada-Garcia** is the owner of a large milk company, a bus line, and a hotel. He also has extensive real estate holdings.

Judicial Status: **Ismael Zambada-Garcia** was indicted on January 28, 2003, by a Washington D.C. Federal Grand Jury for violations of Title 21 U.S.C. Section 959 and 963. This indictment was unsealed in late July 2003. A provisional arrest warrant was issued pursuant to this indictment. The United States Department of State is offering a **REWARD OF UP TO \$5 MILLION** for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of **Zambada-Garcia**.