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Street Vendor Pleads ‘No Contest’ to Selling Counterfeit Metro Fare Media

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(Oct. 28, 2008) A street vendor arrested on nine misdemeanor counts of selling fake Metro fare media entered a plea on Sept. 24 of *nolo contendere* (no contest) to three of the charges. The other charges were dismissed as part of a plea agreement.

Gumercindo Adame-Sanchez, 52, who was also charged with selling unstamped cigarettes and other goods without a vendor license, was placed on a formal diversion program and, upon successful completion of that program, may have his charges reduced to an infraction.

Adame-Sanchez was ordered to forfeit the \$507 booked into evidence at time of his arrest as restitution to Metro. Follow-up hearings were scheduled.

Adame-Sanchez was arrested in August 2008, pursuant to a joint investigation by the Metro Special Investigations Unit and the Transit Services Bureau of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. His bail was set at \$20,000. He cooperated with investigators and a plea agreement was negotiated.