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**FORMER SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT MINISTER AND CURRENT
MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR JESUIT MASSACRE IN 1989
TAKEN INTO FEDERAL CUSTODY FOR IMMIGRATION FRAUD**

San Francisco, California -- Early Tuesday morning, Federal officials took into custody Inocente Orlando Montano, former Salvadoran minister responsible for the 1989 murder of six Jesuit priests and two women, on charges of lying on immigration documents that he filed with the federal government after taking residence in Massachusetts in 2004. This past May the Spanish National Court also indicted Montano and nineteen other Salvadoran high commanders in the context of *The Jesuits Massacre Case* which was initiated in 2008 by the Center for Justice and Accountability (CJA). Nine of the men named in the indictments turned themselves in to authorities in El Salvador on August 7, 2011.

Montano's arrest would not have been possible without his indictment in Spain and the fact that CJA discovered that he was living in Everett, Massachusetts. CJA International Attorney and lead counsel on the case, Almudena Bernabeu, said, "We are pleased that U.S. authorities finally acted and arrested Montano, even though the action was only related to immigration fraud. No one should lose sight of what precipitated this arrest in the first place, which was Montano's participation in the murder of the Jesuit priests and two women in 1989. This arrest gives Spanish authorities an opportunity to formally request Montano's extradition -- which if the U.S. honors, would once and for all result in a trial and justice for this terrible crime."

For more information on the criminal case against those responsible for the Jesuits Massacre, as well as CJA's other El Salvador cases filed in the U.S, see www.cja.org.

About CJA:

CJA is a San Francisco-based human rights organization dedicated to deterring torture and other severe human rights abuses around the world and advancing the rights of survivors to seek truth, justice and redress. CJA pursues litigation in the U.S. and international courts to hold perpetrators individually accountable for human rights abuses, develop human rights law, and advance the rule of law in countries transitioning from abuses.