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MEXICAN NATIONAL LIVING IN KANSAS CITY INDICTED FOR BEING ILLEGAL ALIEN IN POSSESSION OF FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican resident living in Kansas City was indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing a firearm.

Guadalupe Longoria-Paez, 32, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a one-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that on March 4, 2003, **Longoria-Paez**, an illegal alien from Mexico, did knowingly possess a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol. It is illegal, Graves explained, for any illegal alien in the United States to possess any firearm or ammunition.

Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint filed in court on March 6, 2003.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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