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## **SPRINGFIELD RESTAURANT OPERATORS INDICTED FOR HARBORING ILLEGAL ALIENS**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that the operators of the Taste of China restaurant in Springfield, Mo., were indicted by a federal grand jury today for harboring illegal aliens.

**Sheng Chyuan Chen**, also known as Tony Chen, 46, and **Jeannette Ly Chen**, also known as Jeannette Ly, 47, were charged in a single-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield. **Sheng Chyuan Chen**, a native of China, is president of LTCF, Inc., doing business as Taste of China, 935 N. Glenstone, Springfield. **Jeannette Ly Chen**, a native of Indochina, is the secretary of LTCF. The **Chens** are married and both are naturalized citizens of the United States.

The federal indictment alleges that both defendants were harboring six illegal aliens at a residence owned by the **Chens** at 1710 E. Pythian, which is located near the Taste of China restaurant, on Dec. 16, 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 Douglas C. Bunch. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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