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MEXICAN NATIONAL INDICTED FOR DISTRIBUTING METH

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national was indicted by a federal grand jury today for distributing methamphetamine in Greene County, Mo.

Ramiro Flores-Torres, 34, of Springfield, Mo., was charged in a five-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield. **Flores-Torres** is a citizen of Mexico.

Three counts of the federal indictment allege that **Flores-Torres** distributed methamphetamine in Greene County on three separate occasions from July 31, 2003, to Aug. 12, 2003.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Flores-Torres** distributed 50 grams or more of methamphetamine in Greene County on Aug. 14, 2003.

Count Five of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Flores-Torres** to forfeit to the United States any property derived from the violations alleged in the indictment or used to commit the violations, including a 1998 Ford Explorer.

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

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Randall D. Eggert. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Greene County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

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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