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TWO MEXICANS, ONE GUATEMALAN, ONE JAMAICAN INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that four defendants have been indicted by a federal grand jury in separate and unrelated cases for illegally re-entering the United States.

Everton Ugera Morrison, 30, of Jamaica, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield today. **Daniel Flores-Valdivia**, 30, of Mexico; **Cesar Leopoldo Gonzalez**, 23, of Mexico; and **Ovidio Zapet-Lopez**, 27, of Guatemala; were each charged in separate indictments returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield on Jan. 22, 2003.

Although the cases are unrelated, Graves said, in each case the defendant is charged with being an alien who was found in the United States after having been previously deported subsequent to a conviction for an aggravated felony.

According to today's indictment, **Morrison**, who was found in Greene County on April 8, 2002, was convicted of the transportation and sale of marijuana and deported from the United States.

Each of the three indictments returned by the grand jury on Jan. 22, 2002, replaced federal criminal complaints filed earlier against the defendants. According to those indictments:

* **Flores-Valdivia**, who was found in Lawrence County, Mo., on Jan. 10, 2003, was convicted of robbery and deported from the United States in 1997.

* **Gonzalez**, who was found in Greene County, Mo., on Dec. 23, 2002, was convicted of possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute and deported from the United States in 1999.

* **Zapet-Lopez**, who was found in Greene County, Mo., on Dec. 18, 2002, was convicted of possession of cocaine for sale and deported from the United States in 1994.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictments 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 cases were investigated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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