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FULTON MAN INDICTED ON CHARGES RELATED TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION STATUS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Fulton, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges related to his status as an illegal immigrant.

Jose Inez Hyder, 32, of Fulton, Mo., was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City. **Hyder** is a citizen of Mexico.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Hyder** was an illegal alien in possession of a firearm. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for an alien who is in the United States unlawfully to be in possession of any firearm. **Hyder** allegedly was in possession of a Winchester .22 caliber rifle with no serial number and a Higgins 16-gauge shotgun with no serial number on Oct. 1, 2003.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Hyder** falsely represented a Social Security account number for the purpose of applying for and obtaining employment. **Hyder** allegedly possessed a false Social Security identification card bearing another person's name and Social Security number, which he knew to be a forgery, on Oct. 1, 2003.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Hyder** used a false immigration document. **Hyder** allegedly was in possession of a Resident Alien Card bearing another person's name, which he knew to be a forgery, on Oct. 1, 2003.

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 Lawrence E. Miller. It was

investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Fulton, Mo., Police Department, and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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