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## **TEXAS MAN INDICTED FOR COCAINE DISTRIBUTION**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Texas man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for distributing five kilograms or more of cocaine in Greene County, Mo.

**Erasmio Ibarra, Jr.**, 43, of Laredo, Texas, was charged in a single-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield. Today's indictment alleges that **Ibarra** was in possession with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine in Greene County on March 7, 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 Kimberly R. Weber Dean. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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