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FIVE ILLEGAL ALIENS INDICTED FOR VIOLATING IMMIGRATION LAWS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that five illegal aliens have been indicted by a federal grand jury, in separate and unrelated cases, for violating United States immigration laws.

* **John Kimani**, 27, of Kenya, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 14, 2003, in Springfield.

The federal indictment alleges that **Kimani** falsely and willfully misrepresented himself to be a citizen of the United States on May 29, 2001, in Greene County, Mo.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

* **Carlos Garcia-Palacios**, 34, of Mexico, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 14, 2003, in Springfield.

The federal indictment alleges that **Garcia-Palacios** was found in Greene County, Mo., on July 28, 2003, after having been previously deported from the United States. **Garcia-Palacios** previously was deported following a conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

* **Erwin Zavala**, 28, a native of Honduras, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 14, 2003, in Springfield.

The federal indictment alleges that **Zavala** was found in Jasper County, Mo., on June 15, 2003, after having been previously deported from the United States. **Zavala** previously was deported after being convicted of three misdemeanors, involving crimes against the person and

drugs.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

* **Jose Asencion Miranda-Chavez**, 44, of Mexico, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 14, 2003, in Springfield.

The federal indictment alleges that **Miranda-Chavez** was found in McDonald County, Mo., on June 17, 2003, after having been previously deported from the United States. **Miranda-Chavez** previously was deported after being convicted of possession of a controlled substance.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

* **Alejandro Medina-Hernandez**, 27, of Mexico, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 14, 2003, in Springfield.

The federal indictment alleges that **Medina-Hernandez** was found in Pulaski County, Mo., on Aug. 1, 2003, after having been previously deported from the United States. **Medina-Hernandez** previously was deported after being convicted of importation of marijuana.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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.

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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