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MEXICAN CITIZEN CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican man was charged in federal court today with illegally re-entering the United States.

German Leyva-Chavez, 24, of Mexico, was charged in a criminal complaint with being in Jasper County, Mo., after previously being deported from the United States. The criminal complaint was filed in Springfield, Mo.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Leyva-Chavez** was found in Carthage, Mo., on June 17, 2003. **Leyva-Chavez** has been deported from the United States on two previous occasions. On June 7, 2002, he was deported from Brownsville, Texas, and on Feb. 19, 2003, he was deported from Laredo, Texas, according to the criminal complaint.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the criminal complaint is simply an accusation, and is not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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

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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