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THREE MEXICAN BROTHERS INDICTED ON NARCOTICS, IMMIGRATION CHARGES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three Mexican men were indicted by a federal grand jury today for violations of federal narcotics and immigration laws.

Sergio Leyva-Acosta, 28, Carlos Leyva-Acosta, 27, and Jose Hugo Leyva-Acosta, 23, all citizens of Mexico were charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City. The defendants are brothers.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that all three defendants participated in a conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine between Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, 2003.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that all three defendants possessed with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine on Nov. 3, 2003.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Jose Hugo Layva-Acosta** illegally re-entered the United States. The indictment alleges that **Jose Hugo Layva-Acosta**, who was deported on Oct. 3, 2003, subsequent to a criminal felony conviction for possession of cocaine with intent to sell, unlawfully entered the United States and was found in the United States on Nov. 3, 2003.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Sergio Leyva-Acosta** illegally re-entered the United States. The indictment alleges that **Sergio Layva-Acosta**, who had previously been deported, unlawfully entered the United States and was found in Kansas City, Mo., on Nov. 3, 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 Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Rhoades. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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