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FOUR MEXICAN NATIONALS INDICTED FOR VIOLATING IMMIGRATION, FALSE IDENTIFICATION LAWS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that four Mexican nationals were indicted by a federal grand jury today in separate and unrelated cases of violating United States immigration and false identification laws.

* **Pablo Ruiz-Martinez**, 28, of Mexico, was charged with possessing a counterfeit Social Security card and a counterfeit permanent resident alien card on May 27, 2003, at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield.

Today's indictment replaces a federal complaint filed against **Ruiz-Martinez** on May 28, 2003.

* **Jesus Antonio Rodriguez**, 33, of Mexico, was charged with being an alien who was found in the United States on May 27, 2003, after having been previously deported in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield. According to the indictment, **Rodriguez** was found at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., after having been deported subsequent to a conviction for burglary of a vehicle.

Today's indictment replaces a federal complaint filed against **Rodriguez** on May 28, 2003.

* **Ariel Rodriguez-Rodriguez**, 29, of Mexico, was charged with using a false Social Security number between Feb. 1 and May 27, 2003, at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield.

Today's indictment replaces a federal complaint filed against **Rodriguez-Rodriguez** on May 28, 2003.

These cases are being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Tonya Blackwell and Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Monroe. The cases were investigated by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General, and Army Criminal Investigative Division.

* **Victor Manuel Hernandez-Gomez**, 30, of Mexico, was charged with being an alien who was found in the United States on May 31, 2003, after having been previously deported in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield. According to the indictment, **Hernandez-Gomez** was found in Newton County, Mo., after having been deported subsequent to a conviction for aggravated assault.

This 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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