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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 for illegal re-entry into the United States.

**Pedro Soriano-Garcia**, 34, of Mexico, is charged with being an alien who was found in the United States after having been previously deported, according to the criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Springfield.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Soriano-Garcia** was found in Texas County, Mo., on Feb. 20, 2003, after being deported from the United States. He was allegedly stopped while driving a vehicle with 15 other illegal aliens.

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 Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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