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3 DEFENDANTS INDICTED ON FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three defendants were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms.

* **Kyle R. Stinson**, 24, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being a felon in possession of two firearms in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury today in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Stinson** was in possession of a E.I.G. .22 caliber revolver and a Maverick 12 gauge pump-action shotgun on Oct. 31, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of a firearm or ammunition. **Stinson** has a 2000 criminal felony conviction for property damage.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, the Metro Meth Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Oscar Sanchez Berrera**, 27, of Phoenix, Ariz., was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury today in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Berrera** was in possession of a High Point 9 mm semi-automatic pistol on July 5, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of a firearm or ammunition. **Berrera** has a 1995 criminal felony conviction for disorderly conduct, a 1998 criminal felony conviction for armed robbery and a 1999 criminal felony conviction for illegal re-entry into the United States.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. The case was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Pedro Alejandro Zolorio-Miranda**, 38, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm. **Zolorio-Miranda** is a legal citizen of Mexico.

The indictment alleges that **Zolorio-Miranda** was in possession of a Haskell .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol on Dec. 12, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any illegal alien to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these 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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