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THREE ROCKFORD MEN CHARGED WITH FEDERAL DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, together with STEPHEN LUZINSKI, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration, and CHET EPPERSON, Chief of the Rockford Police Department, today announced:

A federal grand jury in Rockford today returned an indictment charging **MARCO CAMPOS**, 34, **JESUS MACIAS**, 46, and **MIGUEL RIVERA**, 49, all of Rockford, with conspiring to distribute 500 or more grams of cocaine and with possessing with the intent to distribute 1 kilogram of cocaine. According to the criminal complaint that was filed on April 6, 2010, the three men were at Rivera's residence on Ninth Street in Rockford, on April 5, 2010, when law enforcement officers found a kilogram of cocaine inside the residence.

If convicted of the offenses charged, each defendant must be sentenced to at least 5 years and may be sentenced up to 40 years of imprisonment, as well as a fine of up to \$2,000,000, for each count. Macias and Rivera will be arraigned on April 21, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. before Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney in the federal courthouse in Rockford. Campos will be arraigned on April 22, 2010, at 11:00 am before Magistrate Judge Mahoney.

The case was investigated by the Rockford Police Department, assisted by the Rockford Resident Agency of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Chicago Field Office. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department and the Stateline Area Narcotics Team ("SLANT"), a task force led by the Illinois State Police, also participated in the investigation. The case will be prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney JOHN G. MCKENZIE.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. Each defendant is entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving that defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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