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FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN SOUTH BEND RETURNS INDICTMENTS

South Bend, IN—The United States Attorney's Office announced that a Grand Jury sitting in South Bend, Indiana, returned the following Indictment on August 10, 2011:

Uziel Criollo-Casteneda, aka Uziel Criollo-Morales, aka Juan Santana, 34, of Logansport, Indiana, was charged in a one-count Indictment with illegal re-entry into the United States after being deported after a conviction for an aggravated felony. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John M. Maciejczyk.

Larry N. Harris Jr., 23, of South Bend, Indiana, was charged in a one-count Indictment with being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the South Bend Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald J. Schmid.

Thomas D. Pickett, 27 and Brankica S. Lakich, 27, both of Elkhart, Indiana, were charged in a six-count Indictment. Pickett was charged with two counts providing false statements to a licensed firearms dealer during the acquisition of a firearm; two counts being a felon in possession of a firearm; and two counts being a felon in possession of ammunition. Lakich was charged with two counts providing false statements to a licensed firearms dealer during the acquisition of a firearm. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald J. Schmid.

Roderick D. Sinclair, 27, of Elkhart, Indiana, was charged in a three-count Indictment with one count possession with intent to distribute marijuana; one count possession of a firearm in

furtherance of a drug trafficking crime; and one count being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the Elkhart Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald J. Schmid.

Jessie James Warren, 32, of South Bend, Indiana, was charged in a two-count Indictment with one count being a felon in possession of a firearm; and one count being a drug user in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as a result of an investigation by the South Bend Police Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case has been assigned to and will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Donald J. Schmid.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines. The United States Attorney's Office emphasized that an Indictment is merely an allegation and that all persons charged are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.