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## **Prosecutions continue in illegal entry cases involving those with prior criminal records**

MINNEAPOLIS – In the District of Minnesota, separate indictments have been filed against two Mexican nationals who entered the United States illegally after being deported as criminals. Yesterday in St. Paul, two individuals were charged with one count of illegal re-entry after deportation.

Julio Barreto-Barragan, age 30, no known address, was charged in the first case. His indictment alleges that on May 11, 2011, he was found in the U.S. illegally after having been previously deported to Mexico. Barreto-Barragan's deportation followed a 2003 Illinois conviction for possession with intent to distribute marijuana. The current federal indictment resulted from June 3, 2011, arrest by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's ("ICE") Fugitive Operations Team. ICE was looking for Barreto-Barragan after he was reported following a May 12, 2011, arrest in Edina for not having a driver's license. Barreto-Barragan was released after being processed by the Edina Police Department.

If convicted, Barreto-Barragan faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations ("ICE ERO") and the Edina Police Department.

The second indictment charges Macario Rodriguez-Bravo, age 36, of Minneapolis. His indictment alleges that on May 30, 2011, he was found in the U.S. illegally after having been previously deported to Mexico. Rodriguez-Bravo's deportation followed a 2001 Ramsey County conviction for third-degree criminal sexual conduct. The current federal indictment resulted from a May 30, 2011, arrest in Minneapolis for no driver's license. He was in the Hennepin County Jail when he was identified as an illegal alien through ICE's Criminal Alien Program ("CAP").

The goal of that program is to locate criminal aliens incarcerated in federal and state prisons, as well as in local jails, and prevent them from being released into the general population.

If convicted, Rodriguez-Bravo faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the Minneapolis Police Department and ICE ERO.

The two defendants will remain in custody until their current federal cases are resolved and then will be deported after serving their sentences, if convicted. Both cases are being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Colin P. Johnson. To learn more about the CAP, visit [www.ice.gov/criminal-alien-program/](http://www.ice.gov/criminal-alien-program/)

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.