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Mexican national indicted for illegal entry

MINNEAPOLIS—Earlier today in federal court, a 32-year-old Mexican national was indicted for entering the United States illegally after previously being deported as a criminal. Carlos Rivera, no known address, was charged with one count of unlawful re-entry after removal.

The indictment alleges that on June 24, 2011, he was found in the U.S. illegally after having been previously deported to Mexico. Rivera's deportation followed a 2004 conviction in the District of Minnesota for conspiracy to distribute heroin.

If convicted, Rivera 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 Minnesota State Patrol and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Enforcement and Removal Operations. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael A. Dees.

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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.