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Indictment in illegal entry case involving a criminal

ST. PAUL – In the District of Minnesota, an indictment has been filed against a Mexican national who allegedly entered the United States illegally after being deported as a criminal. Yesterday, Marcela Urrutia-Alvarado, age 39, formerly of Blaine, was charged with one count of that crime.

Urrutia-Alvarado's indictment states that on May 18, 2011, she was found in the U.S. illegally after having been previously deported to Mexico. Her deportation followed a 2000 federal conviction in the District of Minnesota for conspiring to distribute approximately 15 pounds of methamphetamine. She was also convicted in 2008 in Anoka County for wrongfully obtaining assistance. Urrutia-Alvarado was arrested on May 18.

If convicted, Urrutia-Alvarado faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura M. Provinzino.

Urrutia-Alvarado will remain in custody until her federal case is resolved and will be deported after serving her sentence, if she is convicted.

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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.

