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Faribault man indicted for illegal entry after removal

MINNEAPOLIS—Recently in federal court, a 50-year-old Faribault man was indicted for being a Mexican national who entered the United States illegally after being deported as a criminal. On October 4, 2011, Calixto Torres-Ojeda was charged with one count of illegal re-entry after removal.

The indictment alleges that on September 20, 2011, Torres-Ojeda was found in the U.S. illegally after having been previously deported to Mexico. Torres-Ojeda's deportation followed a 2001 Texas conviction for possession with intent to distribute marijuana. The current federal indictment resulted from a September 20 arrest by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Enforcement Removal Operations ("ICE ERO").

For his crime, Torres-Ojeda 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 ERO and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. It is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Colin P. Johnson.

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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.