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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. Recently in St. Paul, two individuals were charged with one count of illegal re-entry after deportation.

Jose Guerrero-Almazan, age 54, no known address, was charged in the first case. His indictment alleges that on August 25, 2011, he was found in the U.S. illegally after having been previously deported to Mexico. Guerrero-Almazan's deportation followed a 1999 Texas conviction for possession with intent to distribute marijuana. The current federal indictment resulted from an August 25 arrest for no driver's license. Guerrero-Almazan was then turned over to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE").

If convicted, Guerrero-Almazan 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 Minnesota State Patrol.

The second indictment charges Jorge Ramires-Villa, age 22, of Minneapolis. His indictment alleges that on August 2, 2011, he was found in the U.S. illegally after having been

previously deported to Mexico. Ramires-Villa's deportation followed a 2010 Minnesota conviction for second-degree assault. The current federal indictment resulted from an August 2 arrest by the Rice County Sheriff's Office for no driver's license. He was then turned over to ICE.

If convicted, Ramires-Villa faces a potential maximum penalty of 20 years. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the Rice County Sheriff's Office 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.

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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.*

