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**CHINESE GANG LEADER EXTRADITED FROM CANADA TO FACE
DOUBLE MURDER CHARGES IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT**

Charges Arise From 2004 Nightclub Shootings

PREET BHARARA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and JAMES T. HAYES, JR., the Special Agent-in-Charge of the New York Office of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations ("ICE HSI"), announced the extradition of XING LIN from Canada to face charges of murdering two individuals in a Queens nightclub in 2004. LIN was charged along with another individual, HAO CHAO, in an Indictment which was unsealed in Manhattan federal court this morning. He arrived in New York Friday, and will be arraigned in Manhattan federal before U.S. District Judge MIRIAM GOLDMAN CEDARBAUM at 4:30 p.m. this afternoon.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney PREET BHARARA said: "Xing Lin believed that by fleeing the country he could evade the consequences of the deadly crimes he allegedly committed in connection with a gangland turf battle. It took seven years, but thanks to the cooperative efforts of our law enforcement partners here and in Canada, he will now face justice."

ICE HSI Special Agent-in-Charge JAMES T. HAYES, JR. said: "This extradition embodies ICE HSI's resolve to bring an alleged cold hearted murderer to justice, no matter where in the world he tried to hide. I commend HSI's Violent Gang Unit, our attaché in Toronto, The NYPD, and our international law enforcement partners for closing the chapter on this cold case."

According to the Indictment and other public record of the case:

LIN was a gang leader in New York City's Chinese community who owned various businesses, including unlicensed bus

services and illegal gambling parlors. On several occasions, LIN had violent confrontations with rival bus company owners and rival gambling parlor owners, including one incident where he stabbed a competitor, who in turn shot him.

In the summer of 2004, LIN was involved in an ongoing dispute with Chang Qin Zhou, a rival bus company owner, over division of territory and clientele in the bus business. LIN threatened and assaulted Zhou in an effort to force him to relinquish certain territory and clientele.

On July 30, 2004, LIN learned that Zhou was in a private room at a nightclub in Queens. LIN and CHAO, a member of his gang, entered the room and LIN told CHAO to "finish him." CHAO then shot Zhou numerous times in the torso at close range, emptying his gun's chamber and killing him. In the process of shooting at Zhou, CHAO shot and killed a young waitress who was caught in the crossfire. CHAO also shot and wounded another waitress.

LIN was arrested in Toronto, Canada, on April 14, 2011.

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LIN, 39, is a Chinese national who resided in Queens, New York, at the time of the charged crime. If convicted, LIN faces a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Mr. BHARARA praised the efforts of ICE's New York Field Office, the United States Marshals, the New York City Police Department, HSI Toronto, the Toronto Police Service, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for their outstanding work in the ongoing investigation. He also thanked the United States Department of Justice Criminal Division's Office of International Affairs for their involvement in the extradition process.

This case is being prosecuted by the Office's Organized Crime Unit. Assistant United States Attorneys ELIE HONIG and JENNIFER BURNS are in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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