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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

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) CRIMINAL NO. 17-3267 MV
) Counts 1-3: 18 U.S.C. § 1951(a): Hobbs
) Act Extortion Under Color of Official
) Right.
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## INFORMATION

The United States Attorney charges:

At all times material to this information, the defendant, **LARRY MENDOZA**, was employed as a Revenue Agent at the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department.

## Count 1

On or about February 16, 2017, in Santa Fe County, in the District of New Mexico, the defendant, LARRY MENDOZA, did knowingly obstruct, delay and affect, and attempt to obstruct, delay, and affect in any way and degree commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, in that the defendant, LARRY MENDOZA, obtained and attempted to obtain approximately \$500 in funds not due to him, nor due to his office, from a business owner owing taxes to the State of New Mexico, with that business owner's consent, under color of official right, knowing that the funds were provided in return for official action, namely the reduction of the business owner's tax liability.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951(a).

## Count 2

Between March 29, 2017 and March 31, 2017, both dates being approximate and inclusive, in Santa Fe County, in the District of New Mexico, the defendant, LARRY

MENDOZA, did knowingly obstruct, delay and affect, and attempt to obstruct, delay, and affect, in any way and degree, commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, in that the defendant, LARRY MENDOZA, obtained and attempted to obtain approximately \$500 in funds not due to him, nor due to his office, from a business owner owing taxes to the State of New Mexico, with that business owner's consent, under color of official right, knowing that the funds were provided in return for official action, namely the reduction of the business owner's tax liability.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951(a).

Count 3

On or about May 24, 2017, in Santa Fe County, in the District of New Mexico, the defendant, LARRY MENDOZA, did knowingly obstruct, delay and affect, and attempt to obstruct, delay, and affect, in any way and degree, commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, in that the defendant, LARRY MENDOZA, obtained and attempted to obtain approximately \$1500 in funds not due to him, nor due to his office, from a business owner owing taxes to the State of New Mexico, with that business owner's consent, under color of official right, knowing that the funds were provided in return for official action, namely the reduction of the business owner's tax liability.

In violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951(a).

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