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February Grand Jury

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher announced the federal Grand Jury for the District of Nebraska has returned a number of unsealed indictments. Indictments are charging documents that contain one or more individual counts that are merely accusations, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. If you need additional information on any of the following indictments, please telephone Joe Stecher, or in his absence, Criminal Chief, Jan Sharp, at (402) 661-3700.

* Guillermo Barba, also known as Rafael Lopez, is charged in a one-count indictment that alleges from on or before June 26, 2006, he encouraged and induced an illegal alien to reside in the United States. Barba faces a maximum penalty if convicted of imprisonment of 5 years, a fine of \$250,000, followed by 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

* Richard Ridpath, age 53, John Jantzon, age 38, and Agustin Rios, age 33, all of Omaha, were charged in a three-count indictment. Count I charges the defendants, all of whom were managers or supervisors at Tufly Drywall, Inc.,



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with conspiracy to harbor illegal aliens during the time period of 2004 through 2007, while work was performed at the Zorinsky Federal Building in Omaha. The maximum possible penalty includes 5 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count II of the indictment alleges that on or about June 26, 2007, Rios did illegally transport an illegal alien. This offense was committed and carried out during the course of the conspiracy, therefore, Ridpath and Jantzon were also charged in Count II. The maximum possible penalty includes 5 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment. Count III of the indictment charges that on or about March 9, 2006, and continuing through April 2006, Ridpath, Jantzon, and Rios encouraged and induced illegal aliens to reside in the United States. The maximum possible penalty includes 5 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, a 3 year term of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.