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## **TUCSON TEJANO SINGER PLEADS GUILTY TO MONEY LAUNDERING CHARGE**

TUCSON, Ariz. - Latin Breed singer Adalberto C. Gallegos, Jr., 52, of Tucson pleaded guilty today in Tucson federal court in front of U.S. Magistrate Judge Jennifer C. Guerin to one count of conspiring with other persons to conduct financial transactions, involving the proceeds of distributing marijuana from February 2004 to July 2006. The federal indictment in December 2007 charged both Gallegos, Jr. and his son, Adalberto C. Gallegos, III, 33, with Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering. Gallegos, III, has a outstanding arrest warrant from a previous, unrelated case and is also sought in this indictment.

According to the indictment, Gallegos, Jr., employed by the Tejano musical group Latin Breed, established a bank account at Bank of America in Tampa, Fla. in 2004 which he used to receive approximately \$270,100 in drug proceeds. The drug proceeds were deposited in Tampa. and later withdrawn by Adalberto C. Gallegos, Jr. in Tucson, Ariz.

Adalberto C. Gallegos, III, controlled a bank account at Bank of America that was established in Tucson, Ariz. in 2005 which he used to receive approximately \$61,800 in drug proceeds. The drug proceeds were deposited at the Bank of America in Tampa, Fla. and later withdrawn by Adalberto C. Gallegos, III in Tucson, Ariz.

Gallegos, Jr. will be sentenced on August 6, 2008 at 10:45 a.m. in front of U.S. District Judge Cindy K. Jorgenson. A conviction for a violation of Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a \$500,000 dollar fine or both. An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The prosecution is being handled by James T. Lacey, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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