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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CALIFORNIA MAN INDICTED FOR COCAINE TRAFFICKING

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOSE ANTONIO HUERTAS, 45, Canyon Country, California, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. The charges follow an investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Indianapolis Police Department.

HUERTAS was arrested on August 6, 2003 in Indianapolis for possession of approximately 2 kilograms of cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$50,000.00.

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According to Assistant United States Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who is prosecuting the case for the government, HUERTAS faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment and a maximum possible fine of \$4,000,000.00. An initial hearing on the indictment will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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