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HARDIN COUNTY JAIL ESCAPEES INDICTED ON FEDERAL CHARGES

(Beaumont, TX) Federal grand juries have indicted two of three men for escaping from the Hardin County Jail in July. **MIGUEL CARRASCO-CARILLO**, 32, was indicted today and **DANIEL MARTINEZ**, 26, was indicted on August 18, 2004, for Escaping from Federal Custody.

At approximately 1:30 am on July 31, 2004, Carillo was found outside the Hardin County Jail by a Sheriff's Deputy arriving for work. Carillo was immediately apprehended. Carillo, a citizen of Mexico, had been serving a prison sentence at the Federal Correctional Complex in Beaumont when he was placed in the custody of the United States Marshals Service to await trial for assaulting another inmate with a deadly weapon. Carillo had been transferred to the Hardin County Jail on June 24, 2004, to await trial.

A Department of Public Safety Trooper stopped Martinez in Houston County the next day in a stolen vehicle. He was arrested and returned to federal custody. At the time of the escape, Martinez was in custody awaiting trial on federal drug charges. Martinez will be arraigned tomorrow at 11:00 am before U.S. Magistrate Judge Wendell Radford.

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A third federal inmate housed at the Hardin County Jail also escaped on July 31, 2004, and was apprehended and returned to custody. This case is still under investigation.

If convicted, the men each face a maximum penalty of five years in prison in addition to sentences they may already be serving or receive and a \$250,000.00 fine. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law. A Grand Jury indictment is not evidence of guilt.

The cases are being investigated by the Hardin County Sheriff's Office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Rangers and the United States Marshals Service. Assistant U.S. Attorney Dave Henderson is prosecuting the case against Carillo and Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle Englade is prosecuting the case against Martinez.

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