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**GRAND JURY INDICTS EL PASO COUNTY DETENTION OFFICER  
ON FEDERAL FIREARMS CHARGES**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that in El Paso this afternoon, a federal grand jury returned an indictment against 38-year-old Luis Armando Rodriguez charging him with two counts each of illegally manufacturing firearms, possessing unregistered firearms and providing false information in the acquisition of a firearm.

The indictment alleges that on September 17, 2007, and again on May 27, 2008, Rodriguez constructed a rifle with a barrel shorter than 16 inches in length as required by federal law. The indictment further alleges that neither of those rifles were registered to Rodriguez in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. Finally, the indictment alleges that on two occasions in January of this year, Rodriguez knowingly provided a false current address on ATF Form 4473 when purchasing a total of five rifles from a federal firearms licensee.

Upon conviction, Rodriguez faces up to ten years in federal prison on each of the illegal manufacturing and possession of unregistered firearms charges; up to five years in federal prison on each of the false information charges.

This case was investigated by agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives with assistance from the El Paso County Sheriff's Department. Assistant United States Attorney Greg McDonald is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

**An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.**

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