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UNITED STATES DESTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

January 2006 Grand Jury CR 2646LAB CA, ) Criminal Case No.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

SECRET

Plaintiff,

FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX (1),

aka El Tigrillo, aka Conan,

aka Miclo, aka El Senor,

aka El Apa,

aka El Abuelo, MANUEL ARTURO

VILLARREAL-HEREDIA (2),

aka Nalgon, aka Maestro,

aka Marcos, aka Hector,

aka Pedro, aka A-2,

aka R-5,

aka Z-1,

Defendants.

NDICTMENT

Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 1962(c) Conducting the Affairs of an Enterprise Through Pattern of Racketeering Activity; Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 1962(d) - Conspiracy to Conduct Enterprise Affairs Through a Pattern of Racketeering Activity; Title 21, U.S.C., Secs. 952, 960, and 963 -Conspiracy to Import a Controlled Substance; Title 21, U.S.C. Secs. 959(a)(1), 960 and 963 -Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance Intending Importation; Title 21, U.S.C., Secs. 841(a)(1) and 846 -Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance; Title 21, U.S.C., Secs. 848(a) and (e)(1) Continuing Criminal Enterprise; Title 18, U.S.C., Secs. 1956(a) and 1956(h) - Conspiracy to Launder Monetary Instruments; Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 2 - Aiding and Abetting; Title 21, U.S.C., Sec. 853 and Title 18, U.S.C., Secs. 982(a)(1), (b)(1) and 1963(a) - Criminal Forfeiture

The grand jury charges:

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### Count 1

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#### THE ENTERPRISE

Defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX,

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At various times material to this indictment:

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Tigrillo, aka Conan, aka Miclo, aka El Senor, aka El Apa, aka El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, and

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others, known and unknown to the grand jury, including Benjamin Arellano-Felix, Eduardo Arellano-Felix, Manuel Aguirre-Galindo, Jesus

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Labra-Aviles, Ismael Higuera-Guerrero, Gilberto Higuera-Guerrero,

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Efrain Perez, Jorge Aureliano Felix, Rigoberto Yanez, Martinez-Duarte (all charged elsewhere), and Ramon Arellano-Felix and

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of the Arellano-Felix Organization (hereinafter "AFO"), a criminal 15

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b. The AFO operated principally in the cities of Tijuana and Mexicali, Baja California Norte, Republic of Mexico, although the

organization whose members and associates engaged in: (1) the illegal

trafficking of narcotics, including but not limited to cocaine and

marijuana; (2) the laundering of drug proceeds gained from the AFO's

drug trafficking activities; (3) the kidnaping, torture and murder of

informants, rival traffickers, uncooperative law enforcement, and

other perceived "enemies" of the AFO; (4) the kidnaping of individuals

for money; (5) the "taxing" of individuals conducting criminal

offenses in the area of Tijuana/Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico; and

(6) the systematic bribing of Mexican law enforcement and military

AFO's operations extended into southern Mexico, as well as Colombia and the United States.

c. The AFO, including its leadership, membership and associates, constituted an "Enterprise," as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 1961(4) (hereinafter "the Enterprise"), that is, a group of individuals associated in fact. The Enterprise constituted an ongoing organization whose members functioned as a continuing unit for a common purpose of achieving the objectives of the Enterprise. This enterprise was engaged in, and its activities affected, interstate and foreign commerce.

### OBJECTIVES OF THE ENTERPRISE

- 2. The objectives of the Enterprise included the following:
- a. Enriching members and associates of the Enterprise through the importation and distribution of illegal drugs in the United States, the kidnaping of individuals in Mexico, and "taxing" individuals involved in criminal conduct in the areas of Tijuana and Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico.
- b. Preserving and protecting the Enterprise's control over the Tijuana and Mexicali "plaza," or drug-trafficking marketplace, through the use of intimidation, threats of violence, and violence, including kidnaping, torture and murder.
- c. Keeping rival traffickers, potential informants and witnesses, Mexican law enforcement, the Mexican media, and the Mexican public-at-large in fear of the Enterprise, and in fear of its members and associates through threats of violence and violence.
- d. Promoting and enhancing the Enterprise and its members' and associates' activities.

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#### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE ENTERPRISE

- 3. From its inception, the Enterprise has operated within a well-defined hierarchical structure.
- From in or about 1986 through various points up to and including March 2002, the Enterprise operated with defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and others, including Alberto Benjamin Arellano-Felix, Eduardo Arellano-Felix, Manuel Aguirre-Galindo, and Jesus Labra-Aviles, along with deceased Enterprise member Ramon Arellano-Felix, serving as the top leadership of the Enterprise; defendant Ismael Higuera-Guerrero serving as the top lieutenant of the Enterprise, and Gilberto Higuera-Guerrero, Efrain Perez, Jorge Aureliano Felix, Rigoberto Yanez, and Armando Martinez-Duarte serving as second-level managers of the Enterprise, answerable to Ismael Higuera-Guerrero.
- b. From in or about March 2002 through August 14, 2006, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX served as the primary leader of the Enterprise with defendant MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA serving as one of FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX' underbosses, exercising control over crews of men beneath him.

#### ROLES OF THE DEFENDANTS

- The defendants participated in the operation and management of the Enterprise. At various times material to this Indictment, the defendants had the following roles in the Enterprise:
- From the time that FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX a. joined the Enterprise in or about 1991, through 2002, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX participated in most major Enterprise decisions, accompanied Alberto Benjamin Arellano-Felix to meetings, acted as Alberto Benjamin Arellano-Felix' representative at meetings

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defendant Alberto Benjamin Arellano-Felix was unable to attend, and was put in charge of the Enterprise's Tijuana and Mexicali operations after the arrest of Ismael Higuera-Guerrero in May of 2000.

- b. From in or about March 2002 through August 14, 2006, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX was the principal organizer and top leader of the Enterprise, and had the ultimate decision-making authority over all major Enterprise decisions, including the organization and transportation of shipments of drugs into the United States, distribution operations in the United States, and enforcement activities undertaken by members of the Enterprise, including the kidnaping and murder of Enterprise "enemies" and the kidnaping of individuals for money.
- c. From at least 1998 through August 2006, defendant MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA was a member of the Enterprise with duties and responsibilities to the Enterprise, including the transportation, importation and distribution of drugs and carrying out enforcement operations.
- d. From in or about March 2002 through August 14, 2006, defendant MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA was one of defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX' top six underbosses, reporting directly to defendant JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and personally overseeing and commanding multiple crews of men carrying out enforcement operations and drug trafficking activities on behalf of the Enterprise.

#### METHOD AND MEANS OF THE ENTERPRISE

5. Defendants and other members of the Enterprise used the following method and means, among others, to conduct and participate in the conduct of the affairs of the Enterprise:

- a. Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, negotiated with Colombian cocaine suppliers to arrange for the purchase and transportation of multi-ton shipments of cocaine from Colombia to Mexico;
- b. Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, arranged for the transmission of U.S. dollars to Colombia to pay for these multi-ton cocaine shipments;
- c. Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, also negotiated with Mexican marijuana suppliers in the interior of Mexico to arrange for the purchase of multi-ton shipments of marijuana;
- d. Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, transported large loads of cocaine and marijuana overland by convoys of vehicles, or hidden in large commercial trucks, through Mexico, to locations along the Mexico/California border;
- e. Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, smuggled cocaine and marijuana into the United States by various methods, including the trunks of vehicles, secret compartments located inside personal and commercial vehicles, backpackers, and small boats;
- f. Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, obtained vehicles to be used as load vehicles to transport drugs and cash, and recruited and paid individuals to drive these vehicles;
- g. Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, arranged for cocaine and marijuana to be smuggled into the United States, and delivered to their customers in Los Angeles, California, and elsewhere in the United States;
- h. Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, arranged for the proceeds of their drug trafficking activities in the

United States to be smuggled across the U.S./Mexican border and into Mexico;

- i. Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, systematically bribed Mexican law enforcement and military officials to: (1) protect the Enterprise's leadership and drug shipments; (2) inform Enterprise members of Mexican and United States law enforcement activities; (3) arrest rival drug traffickers; and (4) seize drug loads belonging to rival traffickers and give those loads to members of the Enterprise;
- j. Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, discussed Enterprise affairs and business in person and over communications equipment, using various codes to disguise their identities and the meaning of their conversations;
- k. Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, obtained houses and other locations in Mexico and the United States which they used to store drugs, guns, money, and armored vehicles, and as bases for their operations;
- 1. Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, operated houses known as "nests" or "caves" which were used to conduct wiretaps and to monitor the communications of members of the Enterprise, rival drug traffickers, and Mexican law enforcement officials in order to monitor their activities and obtain information useful to the Enterprise;
- m. Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, purchased hundreds of firearms and other equipment, in the United States and elsewhere, including AK-47s, Colt .38 Supers, Uzi machine guns, AR-15s, and bulletproof vests, for AFO enforcement crew members to use in carrying out the enforcement activities of the Enterprise.

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- Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, obtained military and law enforcement uniforms and credentials that were used by Enterprise members in furtherance of their drug trafficking activities;
- Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, ο. recruited, organized, and trained groups of bodyguards and assassins who would protect the Enterprise leaders and conduct assassinations of Enterprise "enemies";
- Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, p. enforced various rules of the Enterprise, such as the prohibition against cooperating with law enforcement, and would punish and murder other members of the Enterprise who violated the rules in order to promote discipline, punish disobedient members, and make examples of those who disobeyed the rules of the Enterprise;
- q. Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, organized and directed the kidnaping, torture and murder of Enterprise "enemies" in Mexico and the United States, including rival drug traffickers, suspected cooperators, and uncooperative law enforcement or military personnel.
- Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise "taxed" individuals conducting criminal activities in the areas of Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico.
- Defendants, along with other members of the Enterprise, s. organized and directed the kidnaping of individuals for money.

#### THE RACKETEERING OFFENSE

Beginning in or about the year 1986, and continuing up to and including August 14, 2006, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX, aka El Tigrillo, aka Conan, aka Miclo, aka El Senor, aka El Apa, aka El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, and others, known and unknown to the grand jury, including Benjamin Arellano-Felix, Eduardo Arellano-Felix, Manuel Aguirre-Galindo, Jesus Labra-Aviles, Ismael Higuera-Guerrero, Gilberto Higuera-Guerrero, Efrain Perez, Jorge Aureliano Felix, Rigoberto Yanez, Armando Martinez-Duarte (all charged elsewhere), and Ramon Arellano-Felix and David Barron-Corona (both now deceased); being persons employed by and associated with the Enterprise, (as defined above), which Enterprise was engaged in, and the activities of which affected interstate and foreign commerce, did knowingly and intentionally conduct and participate, directly and indirectly, in the conduct of the Enterprise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity, as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1961(1) and (5), and as described in paragraph 7 of this Count.

#### THE PATTERN OF RACKETEERING ACTIVITY

7. The pattern of racketeering activity, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1961(1) and 1961(5), consisted of the following acts:

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Defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA committed the following acts, the commission of

either one of which constitutes Racketeering Act No. 1:

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Beginning in or about the year 1986, and continuing up to and including August 14, 2006, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA and others, known and unknown to the grand jury, including Benjamin Arellano-Felix, Eduardo Arellano-Felix, Manuel Aguirre-Galindo, Jesus Labra-Aviles, Ismael Higuera-

Guerrero, Gilberto Higuera-Guerrero, Efrain Perez, Jorge Aureliano Rigoberto Yanez, Armando Martinez-Duarte (all elsewhere), and Ramon Arellano-Felix and David Barron-Corona (both now deceased), did knowingly and intentionally conspire with each other,

and other persons known and unknown to the grand jury, to import controlled substances, including 5 kilograms and more of cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, and 1000 kilograms and more of

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marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof; all in violation of Title 21, United

States Code, Sections 952, 960, and 963.

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(b) Beginning in or about 1986 and continuing up to and including August 14, 2006, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, together with others, known and unknown, did knowingly and intentionally conspire with each other and with other persons, known and unknown to the grand jury, to distribute 5 kilograms and more of cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, and 1000 kilograms and more of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, intending that such substances would be unlawfully imported into the United States; all in violation of Title 21, United States

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Code, Sections 959(a)(1) and 963. Racketeering Act No. 2

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(Conspiracy To Distribute Controlled Substances)

Beginning in or about the year 1986, and continuing up to and including August 14, 2006, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA and others, known and unknown to the grand including Benjamin Arellano-Felix, Eduardo Arellano-Felix, Manuel Aguirre-Galindo, Jesus Labra-Aviles, Ismael Higuera-Guerrero,

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Gilberto Higuera-Guerrero, Efrain Perez, Jorge Aureliano Felix, Rigoberto Yanez, Armando Martinez-Duarte (all charged elsewhere), and Ramon Arellano-Felix and David Barron-Corona (both now deceased), did knowingly and intentionally conspire with each other, and other

persons known and unknown to the grand jury, to distribute controlled substances, including 5 kilograms and more of cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, and 1000 kilograms and more of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance; all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846.

### Racketeering Act No. 3 (Conspiracy To Launder Drug Proceeds)

Beginning in or about the year 1986, and continuing up to and including August 14, 2006, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA and others, known and unknown to the grand jury, including Benjamin Arellano-Felix, Eduardo Arellano-Felix, Manuel Aguirre-Galindo, Jesus Labra-Aviles, Ismael Higuera-Guerrero, Gilberto Higuera-Guerrero, Efrain Perez, Jorge Aureliano Felix, Rigoberto Yanez, Armando Martinez-Duarte (all charged elsewhere), and Ramon Arellano-Felix and David Barron-Corona (both now deceased), did knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree with each other, and with other persons known and unknown to the grand jury, to:

- (a) conduct a financial transaction affecting interstate and foreign commerce, knowing that the property involved in the financial transaction represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, which in fact involved the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, that is, the felonious manufacture, importation, receiving, concealment, buying, selling and otherwise dealing in a controlled substance, punishable under the laws of the United States: (1) with the intent to promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activity; and (2) knowing that the transaction was designed, in whole or in part, to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, and the control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) and (B)(i); and
- (b) knowingly transport, transmit, and transfer monetary instruments and funds from a place in the United States to and through a place outside the United States and to a place in the United States from and through a place outside the United States: (1) with the intent to promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activity; and (2) knowing that the monetary instruments and funds involved in the transportation, transmission and transfer represent the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity and knowing that such transportation, transmission, and transfer was designed in whole or in part to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, and

the control, of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections and 1956(a)(2)(A) and (B)(i).

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h).

### Racketeering Act No. 4 (Possession With Intent To Distribute Cocaine)

Defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX committed the following acts, the commission of any one of which alone constitutes Racketeering Act No. 4:

- (a) On or about July 31, 1991, in Los Angeles, California, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 5 kilograms and more, to wit: approximately 599 kilograms (1,317.80 pounds) of cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.
- (b) On or about July 31, 1991, in Tustin, California, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 5 kilograms and more, to wit: approximately 232 kilograms (510.40 pounds) of cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.
- (c) On or about August 6, 1991, in Fontana, California, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 5 kilograms and more, to wit: approximately 400 kilograms (880 pounds) of cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.
- (d) On or about August 6, 1991, in Fontana, California, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 5 kilograms and more, to wit: approximately 611 kilograms (1,346.40 pounds) of cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

# Racketeering Act No. 5 (Possession With Intent To Distribute Cocaine)

On or about October 9, 1991, in Fontana, California, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 5 kilograms and more, to wit: approximately 2,298 kilograms (5,055.60 pounds) of cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX committed the following acts, the commission of either one of which constitutes Racketeering Act No. 6:

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(a) On or about July 7, 1995, in San Diego, California, within the Southern District of California, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX did knowingly and intentionally import 5 kilograms and more, to wit: approximately 240 kilograms (528 pounds) of cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

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(b) On or about July 11, 1995, in San Diego, California, within the Southern District of California, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 5 kilograms and more, to wit: approximately 240 kilograms (528 pounds) of cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

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### Racketeering Act No. 7

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(Importation and Possession With Intent to Distribute Marijuana)

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Defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA committed the following acts, the commission of either one of which constitutes Racketeering Act No. 7:

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(a) On or about April 18, 2000, within the Southern District of California, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA did knowingly and intentionally import 100 kilograms and more, to wit: approximately 908.18 kilograms (1,998 pounds) of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

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(b) On or about April 18, 2000, within the Southern District of California, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute 100 kilograms and more, to wit: approximately 908.18 kilograms (1,998 pounds) of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

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### Racketeering Act No. 8 (Importation And Possession With Intent To Distribute Cocaine)

Defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA committed the following acts, the commission of any one of which alone constitutes Racketeering Act No. 8:

- (a) In or about May 2006, in Chula Vista, California, in the Southern District of California, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA did knowingly and intentionally import 5 kilograms and more cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960, and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.
- (b) In or about May 2006, in Chula Vista, California, in the Southern District of California, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA did knowingly and intentionally possess with intent to distribute approximately 5 kilograms and more cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(c).

#### Count 2

#### THE RACKETEERING CONSPIRACY

- 1. Paragraphs 1-5 and paragraph 7 of Count 1 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference as though fully set out herein.
- 2. Beginning in or about the year 1986, and continuing up to and including August 14, 2006, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX, aka El Tigrillo, aka Conan, aka Miclo, aka El Senor, aka El Apa, aka El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, and Benjamin Arellano-Felix, Eduardo Arellano-Felix, Manuel Aguirre-Galindo, Jesus Labra-Aviles, Ismael Higuera-Guerrero, Gilberto Higuera-Guerrero, Efrain Perez, Jorge Aureliano Felix, Rigoberto

Yanez, Armando Martinez-Duarte (all charged elsewhere), and Ramon 2 Arellano-Felix and David Barron-Corona (both now deceased); and others 3 known and unknown to the grand jury, being employed by and associated 4 with the Enterprise, as defined in Count 1 of this Indictment, which 5 Enterprise was engaged in, and the activities of which affected interstate and foreign commerce, did knowingly and intentionally conspire with each other, and other persons, to Section 1962(c) of Title 18, United States Code, that is, to conduct and participate, directly and indirectly, in the conduct of the Enterprise's affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity, as 10 11 defined in by Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1961(1) and (5), 12 consisting of the racketeering acts contained in paragraph 7 of

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3. It was further a part of the conspiracy that the defendants agreed that a conspirator would commit at least two acts of racketeering activity in the conduct of the affairs of the Enterprise.

#### OVERT ACTS

4. In furtherance of said conspiracy and to effect the objects thereof, the following Overt Acts, among others, were committed within the Southern District of California and elsewhere:

### Overt Act No. 1 (The Murder of Armando Lopez)

In or about 1989, in Tijuana, Mexico, co-conspirator Ramon Arellano-Felix (now deceased), shot and killed Armando Lopez, a member of the Joaquin Guzman-Loera Organization and AFO rival.

### Overt Act No. 2 (The Murder Of Guillermo Castaneda-Lopez)

On or about October 23, 1991, in San Diego, California, at the direction of co-conspirators Alberto Benjamin and Eduardo Arellano-Felix (charged elsewhere), members of an AFO Enterprise enforcement crew murdered Guillermo Castaneda-Lopez.

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### Overt Act No. 3

(AFO's First Failed Attempt to Kill Joaquin Guzman-Loera)

In later 1991, early 1992, in Tijuana, Mexico, co-conspirators Alberto Benjamin and Eduardo Arellano-Felix (charged elsewhere), and conspirator Ramon Arellano-Felix (now deceased), planned an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to kill Guzman-Loera.

### Overt Act No. 4

(AFO's Second Failed Attempt To Kill Joaquin Guzman-Loera)

In or about the summer of 1992, in Tijuana, Mexico, co-conspirators Alberto Benjamin Arellano-Felix and Ismael Higuera-Guerrero arranged a meeting in Mexico City, Mexico at which they planned to kill Guzman-Loera.

### Overt Act No. 5

(AFO Defend Guzman-Loera Attack At Christine's Discotheque In Puerto Vallarta, Mexico)

On or about November 8, 1992, in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and co-conspirators Ismael and Gilberto Higuera-Guerrero (charged elsewhere), and numerous other members of the AFO Enterprise, including co-conspirators Ramon Arellano-Felix and David Barron-Corona (both now deceased), fought off an assassination attempt by members of the Guzman-Loera Organization, during which several individuals were shot and killed.

### Overt Act No. 6

(The Murder Of Oscar Roberto Ceballos-Corralez)

On or about March 11, 1993, in Hollenbeck, California, at the direction of conspirator David Barron-Corona (now deceased), members of an AFO Enterprise enforcement crew murdered Oscar Roberto Ceballos-Corralez in retaliation for the attack on AFO Enterprise members at Christine's Discotheque on November 8, 1992.

### Overt Act No. 7

(The Murder Of Juvenal Gomez-Buenrostro)

On or about March 16, 1993, in Chula Vista, California, at the direction of co-conspirator Alberto Benjamin Arellano-Felix and Ismael Higuera-Guerrero (charged elsewhere), and co-conspirator Ramon Arellano-Felix (now deceased), members of an AFO Enterprise enforcement crew murdered Juvenal Gomez-Buenrostro.

#### Overt Act No. 8

(AFO Leadership Plans Third Assassination Attempt On Guzman-Loera)

In or about May, 1993, in Tijuana, Mexico, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and co-conspirators Alberto Benjamin and Eduardo Arellano-Felix, and Ismael Higuera-Guerrero, and co-conspirators Ramon Arellano-Felix and David Barron-Corona (both now deceased), planned a third assassination attempt on AFO rival Joaquin Guzman-Loera.

## Overt Act No. 9 (Alberto Benjamin Arellano-Felix Goes Into Hiding)

In or about May 1993, in Mexico, co-conspirator Alberto Benjamin Arellano-Felix went into hiding.

### Overt Act No. 10

(Francisco Javier and Ramon Arellano-Felix Go Into Hiding)

In or about May 1993, in the United States, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and Ramon Arellano-Felix went into hiding.

### Overt Act No. 11 (Plot To Murder Fernando Gutierrez)

In or about December 1996, in Tijuana, Mexico, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and co-conspirators Alberto Benjamin and Eduardo(charged elsewhere), and co-conspirators Ramon Arellano-Felix and David Barron-Corona (both now deceased), agreed that Fernando Gutierrez would be murdered for failing to repay a debt, and plotted his murder.

### Overt Act No. 12 (Murder Of Fernando Gutierrez)

On or about December 11, 1996, in Coronado, California, at the direction of defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and co-conspirators Alberto Benjamin and Eduardo Arellano-Felix (both charged elsewhere), and co-conspirator Ramon Arellano-Felix (now deceased), members of an AFO Enterprise enforcement crew murdered Fernando Gutierrez.

### Overt Act No. 13 (Attempted Murder Of Ramiro Ramirez)

On or about March 7, 1997, in Chula Vista, California, at the direction of co-conspirators Alberto Benjamin Arellano-Felix and Ismael Higuera-Guerrero (both charged elsewhere), and co-conspirators Ramon Arellano-Felix and David Barron-Corona (both now deceased), members of an AFO Enterprise enforcement crew attempted to murder Ramiro Ramirez.

### Overt Act No. 14 (Kidnaping Of Victim-1)

On or about January 18, 2002, in Tijuana, Mexico, defendant MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA and other members of an AFO Enterprise enforcement crew working under his command kidnapped Victim-1.

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### Overt Act No. 15 (The Kidnaping Of Victim-2)

In or about the spring of 2004, in Tijuana Mexico, an AFO enforcement crew working under the command of defendant MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA kidnapped Victim-2 and held him/her in captivity until a ransom was paid for his/her release.

### Overt Act No. 16 (The Kidnaping Of Victims 3, 4, and 5)

On or about January 10, 2005, in Tijuana, Mexico, an AFO enforcement crew working under the command of one of defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX' underbosses kidnapped Victim-3, Victim-4 and Victim-5.

### Overt Act No. 17 (The Plot To Murder Hugo Gabrial Coronel Vargas)

In or about January 2005, in Tijuana, Mexico, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and other members of the Enterprise agreed that they must "go after" Deputy Police Chief Hugo Gabrial Coronel Vargas.

### Overt Act No. 18 (The Murder Of Hugo Gabrial Coronel Vargas)

On or about January 17, 2005, in Tijuana, Mexico, an AFO enforcement crew working under the command of one of defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX' underbosses murdered Deputy Police Chief Hugo Gabrial Coronel Vargas.

# Overt Act No. 19 (The Kidnaping And Murder of Jorge Bedolla Ceron, aka Jorge Bedolla Dorante)

In or about February 2005, in Tijuana, Mexico, an enforcement crew working under the command of one of defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX' underbosses kidnapped and murdered Jorge Bedolla Ceron, aka Jorge Bedolla Dorante.

### Overt Act No.20 (Shootout Between VILLARREAL-HEREDIA's Crew And State Police)

On or about January 20, 2006, in Tijuana, Mexico, members of an AFO Enterprise enforcement crew under the command of defendant MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA engaged state police officers in a shootout.

### Overt Act No. 21 (The Kidnaping Of Three Police Officers And One Civilian)

On or about June 20, 2006, in Rosarito Beach, Mexico, at the direction of MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, members of an AFO Enterprise enforcement crew kidnapped three Rosarito Beach police officers, Ismael Arellano-Torres, Jesus Hernandez-Ballesteros and Benjamin Fabian-Ventura, and one civilian, Fernando Avila.

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#### Overt Act No. 22

(The Murder Of Three Police Officers And One Civilian)

On or about June 20, 2006, in Tijuana Mexico, defendant FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX approved, and defendant MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA directed, members of an AFO Enterprise enforcement crew to murder three police officers, Ismael Arellano-Torres, Jesus Hernandez-Ballesteros and Benjamin Fabian-Ventura, and one civilian, Fernando Avila.

#### Overt Act No. 23

(The Beheading Of Three Police Officers And One Civilian)

On or about June 20, 2006, in Tijuana, Mexico, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA authorized members of an AFO Enterprise enforcement crew to behead the above-murdered police officers and civilian.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1962(c) and 1962(d).

#### Count 3

### CONSPIRACY TO IMPORT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- 1. Paragraphs 1 through 5 and paragraph 7 of Count 1 of this indictment are realleged and hereby incorporated by reference in this count as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. Beginning in or about the 1986, and continuing up to and including August 14, 2006, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX, aka El Tigrillo, aka Conan, aka Miclo, aka El Senor, aka El Apa, El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, together with co-conspirators Alberto Benjamin Arellano-Felix, Eduardo Arellano-Felix, Manuel Aguirre-Galindo, Jesus Labra-Aviles, Ismael Higuera-Guerrero, Gilberto Higuera-Guerrero, Efrain Perez, Jorge Aureliano Felix, Rigoberto Yanez, Armando Martinez-Duarte (all charged elsewhere), and Ramon Arellano-Felix and David Barron-Corona (both now deceased), and others known and unknown, did knowingly and

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intentionally conspire with each other, and other persons known and unknown to the grand jury, to import 5 kilograms and more of cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, and 1000 kilograms and more of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof; all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952, 960, and 963.

### Count 4

## CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES WITH INTENT TO IMPORT

- 1. Paragraphs 1 through 5 and paragraph 7 of Count 1 of this indictment are realleged and hereby incorporated by reference in this count as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. Beginning in or about 1986 and continuing up including August 14, 2006, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX, aka El Tigrillo, aka Conan, aka Miclo, aka El Senor, aka El Apa, aka El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, together with co-conspirators Alberto Benjamin Arellano-Felix, Eduardo Arellano-Felix, Manuel Aguirre-Galindo, Jesus Labra-Aviles, Ismael Higuera-Guerrero, Gilberto Higuera-Guerrero, Efrain Perez, Jorge Aureliano Felix, Rigoberto Yanez, Armando Martinez-Duarte (all charged elsewhere), and Ramon Arellano-Felix and David Barron-Corona (both now deceased), and others known and unknown, did knowingly and intentionally conspire with each other and with other persons, known and unknown to the grand jury, to distribute 5 kilograms and more of cocaine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and 1000 kilograms and more of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, intending that

such substances would be unlawfully imported into the United States; all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 959(a)(1), 960, and 963.

#### Count 5

### CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- 1. Paragraphs 1 through 5 and paragraph 7 of Count 1 of this indictment are realleged and hereby incorporated by reference in this count as though fully set forth herein.
- Beginning in or about 1986 and continuing up to and including August 14, 2006, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX, aka El Tigrillo, aka Conan, aka Miclo, aka El Senor, El Apa, El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, together with coconspirators Alberto Benjamin Arellano-Felix, Eduardo Arellano-Felix, Manuel Aguirre-Galindo, Jesus Labra-Aviles, Ismael Higuera-Guerrero, Gilberto Higuera-Guerrero, Efrain Perez, Jorge Aureliano Felix, Rigoberto Yanez, Armando Martinez-Duarte (all charged elsewhere), and Ramon Arellano-Felix and David Barron-Corona (both now deceased), and others known and unknown, did knowingly and intentionally conspire with each other, and other persons known and unknown to the grand jury, to distribute 5 kilograms and more of cocaine, a Schedule II Controlled Substance, and 1000 kilograms and more of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance; in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846.

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#### Count 6

#### CONTINUING CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE

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Beginning in or about 1986 and continuing up to and including August 14, 2006, within the Southern District of California, and defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER elsewhere, ARELLANO-FELIX, aka El Tigrillo, aka Conan, aka Miclo, aka El Senor, aka El Apa, aka El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, did knowingly and intentionally engage in a continuing criminal enterprise by violating various felony provisions of the Controlled Substance Act (Title 21, United States Code, Sections 801, et seq.), including but not limited to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 846, 952, 959, 960, and 963, as alleged in Counts 3, 4, and 5, of this Indictment (said Counts being incorporated herein by reference), which violations were a part of a continuing series of violations of said Act, were undertaken by defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX. aka El Tigrillo, aka Conan, aka Miclo, aka El Senor, aka El Apa, aka El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, in concert with five or more other persons with respect to whom defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX, aka El Tigrillo, aka Conan, aka Miclo, aka El Apa, aka El Senor, aka El Apa, aka El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, occupied a position of organizer, supervisor, and other position of management, and from which such continuing series of violations defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX, aka El Tigrillo, aka aka Miclo, aka El Senor, aka El Apa, aka El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO

VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, obtained substantial income and resources.

It is further alleged that defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX, aka El Tigrillo, aka Conan, aka Miclo, aka El Senor, aka El Apa, aka El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, while engaged in and working in furtherance of such continuing criminal enterprise, intentionally killed and counseled, commanded, induced, procured, and caused the intentional killing of an individual and such killing resulted.

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 848(a) and 848(e)(1).

#### Count 7

### THE MONEY LAUNDERING CONSPIRACY

- 1. Paragraphs 1 through 5 and paragraph 7 of Count 1 of this indictment are realleged and hereby incorporated by reference in this count as though fully set forth herein.
- 2. Beginning in or about 1986 and continuing up to and including August 14, 2006, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX, aka El Tigrillo, aka Conan, aka Miclo, aka El Senor, aka El Apa, aka El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, and others known and unknown, did knowingly and intentionally conspire and agree with each other, and with other persons, known and unknown to the grand jury, to:

(a) conduct a financial transaction affecting interstate and foreign commerce, knowing that the property involved in the financial transaction represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, which in fact involved the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, that is, the felonious manufacture, importation, receiving, concealment, buying, selling and otherwise dealing in a controlled substance, punishable under the laws of the United States: (1) with the intent to promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activity; and (2) knowing that the transaction was designed, in whole or in 10 part, to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, 11 the ownership, and the control, of the proceeds of specified unlawful 12 activity; Title in violation of 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) and (B)(i); and 13

(b) knowingly transport, transmit, and transfer monetary instruments and funds from a place in the United States to and through a place outside the United States and to a place in the United States from and through a place outside the United States: (1) with the intent to promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activity; and (2) knowing that the monetary instruments or funds involved in the transportation, transmission and transfer represent the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity and knowing that such transportation, transmission, and transfer was designed in whole or in part to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, and the control, of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(2)(A) and (B)(i).

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h).

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#### FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

- 1. The allegations contained in Counts 1 and 2 are realleged and by reference are fully incorporated herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America, pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1963(a).
- 2. As a result of the commission of the felony offense alleged in Count 1 and/or 2, said violation being punishable by imprisonment for more than one year, and pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(a), defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX, aka El Tigrillo, aka Conan, aka Miclo, aka El Senor, aka El Apa, aka El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, shall forfeit to the United States: all interest the defendants acquired or maintained in violation of Section 1962; any and all interest in, security of, claim against, and property and contractual right of any kind affording a source of influence over, any and all enterprises the defendants established, operated, controlled, conducted, participated in the conduct of, in violation of Section 1962; and any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds the defendants obtained, directly or indirectly, from racketeering activity in violation of Section 1962, including but not limited to, \$63,000,000 in U.S. currency, and a 2001 43' Riviera yacht, "Dock Holiday", RJH43156A101, registered in Delaware under the name of M-Y Junior, Inc..
- 3. The allegations contained in Counts 3 through 6 are realleged and by their reference fully incorporated herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United States of America

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pursuant to the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.

- 4. As a result of the commission of the felony offenses alleged in Counts 3 through 6, said violations being punishable by imprisonment for more than one year, and pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(a)(1), defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX, aka El Tigrillo, aka Conan, aka Miclo, aka El Senor, aka El Apa, aka El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, shall upon conviction, forfeit to the United States all their rights, title and interest in any and all property constituting or derived from proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as the result of said violations, including but not limited to: \$63,000,000 in U.S. currency and a 2001 43' Riviera yacht, "Dock Holiday", RJH43156A101, registered in Delaware under the name of M-Y Junior, Inc.
- 5. As a result of the commission of the felony offense alleged in Count 7 of this indictment, said violations being punishable by imprisonment for more than one year and pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(1), defendants FRANCISCO JAVIER ARELLANO-FELIX, aka El Tigrillo, aka Conan, aka Miclo, aka El Senor, aka El Apa, aka El Abuelo, and MANUEL ARTURO VILLARREAL-HEREDIA, aka Nalgon, aka Maestro, aka Marcos, aka Hector, aka Pedro, aka A-2, aka R-5, aka Z-1, shall, upon conviction, forfeit to the United States all their rights, title and interest in any and all property involved in such offenses, or any property traceable to such property, including but not limited to: \$63,000,000 in U.S. currency and a 2001 43' Riviera yacht, "Dock Holiday", RJH43156A101, registered in Delaware under the name of M-Y Junior, Inc.