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PRESS RELEASE

Colm F. Connolly, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, and David W. Thomas, United States Marshal for the District of Delaware, announced today that Maunual Javier Zertuche, age 61, was arrested on December 14, 2005, near San Antonio, Texas, on a federal arrest warrant issued in the District of Delaware on July 6, 2005. The warrant relates to a five count Indictment¹, returned by the grand jury that same day, charging: killing a bald eagle; disturbing a bald eagle nest; possessing a bald eagle; transporting a bald eagle; and possession of a firearm by a felon. The last count of the Indictment is punishable by a maximum 10 years incarceration: the remaining counts are punishable by a maximum 1 year of incarceration.

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¹An indictment is merely an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.