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ROCKFORD AREA RESIDENT SENTENCED TO THIRTY YEARS FOR CONSPIRING TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE AND HEROIN

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; RICHARD W. SANDERS, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; PAUL LOGLI, Winnebago County State's Attorney; RICHARD MEYERS, Winnebago County Sheriff; DUANE E. WIRTH, Boone County Sheriff; DOMINIC IASPARRO, Rockford Police Chief; JAN W. NOBLE, Belvidere Police Chief; and WILLIAM FEITHEN, DeKalb Police Chief, today made the following announcement:

United States District Court Judge Philip G. Reinhard today sentenced **RICARDO GALLARDO**, also known as "Solo," 27 (DOB: 12/11/1978), formerly of 4622 Sunderman, Rockford, Illinois, to 360 months in federal prison without parole for conspiring to distribute over 150 kilograms of cocaine and heroin, distributing cocaine, possessing cocaine and heroin with the intent to distribute, and money laundering relating to the purchase of two vehicles, including a 2004 Volkswagen Touareg, with proceeds of the drug trafficking conspiracy. In addition, the court ordered Gallardo to serve 5 years supervised release following his release from prison. As part of Gallardo's sentence, the court ordered the forfeiture of Gallardo's interest in the Touareg, the residence at 4622 Sunderman Road, Rockford, and \$21,849 of proceeds from a February 12, 2004 Metro Centre concert financed by Gallardo through a company known as Mindright Entertainment, Inc. The Metrocentre has cooperated fully with the government's efforts to forfeit these concert proceeds.

A second defendant tried with GALLARDO, **JORGE LUNA**, 31 (DOB: 8/19/1974), 627 Morgan Street, Rockford, Illinois, was also sentenced today to 33 months in federal prison without parole on two counts of money laundering in relation to the purchase of the 2004 Volkswagen Touareg with drug trafficking proceeds as well. Luna was also ordered to serve 3 years supervised release following his release from prison. As part of Luna's sentence, the court ordered the forfeiture of Luna's interest in the Touareg

The indictment of Gallardo and Luna was the result of a nine-month investigation by the Rockford DEA Task Force consisting of law enforcement agents and officers from the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, the Rockford Police Department, the Boone County Sheriff's Department, the Belvidere Police Department, and the DeKalb Police Department. The Task Force seized eight kilograms of cocaine and one kilogram of heroin from the accused traffickers. Both Gallardo and Luna were found guilty of the charges on September 19, 2005, following a six-day jury trial in federal court.

These cases are being prosecuted in United States District Court by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph C. Pedersen and Mark T. Karner.

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