

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) No. _____
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Plaintiff,)
) **COUNT ONE: Defendant Lara-Ruiz only**
) 21 U.S.C. §§ 848 (a)(b)(c) and (s)
v.) NLT 20 Years Imprisonment
) NMT Life Imprisonment
GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill”) NMT \$2,000,000 Fine
[DOB: ■■■/1979],) NLT 5 Years Supervised Release
) Class A Felony
LEATHA MAE GUTIERREZ,)
a/k/a “Leatha Mae Hughes”) **COUNT TWO: All Defendants except Lara-Ruiz**
[DOB: ■■■/1968],) 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 (a)(1) and (b)(1)(A) and § 846
) NLT 10 Years Imprisonment
BRUCE ALLEN BISH,) NMT Life Imprisonment
[DOB: ■■■/1985],) NMT \$4,000,000 Fine
) NLT 5 Years Supervised Release
BELINDA LEIGH HEASTAN,) Class A Felony
[DOB: ■■■/1975],)
) **COUNT THREE: Defendants Lara-Ruiz, Rose**
CHARLES WHITSON CORBITT,) **and Blacketer**
[DOB: ■■■/1985],) 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)
) and 18 U.S.C. § 2
) NLT 5 Years Imprisonment
KALA YVETTE ROSE,) NMT 40 Years Imprisonment
[DOB: ■■■/1963],) NMT \$2,000,000 Fine
) NLT 4 Years Supervised Release
STEVEN LAVERNE BLACKETER,) Class B Felony
[DOB: ■■■/1965],)
) **COUNT FOUR: Defendants Lara-Ruiz,**
ERNEST HAROLD SNEDDON,) **Gutierrez and Bish**
a/k/a “Mouse”) 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)
[DOB: ■■■/1969],) and 18 U.S.C. § 2
) NLT 5 Years Imprisonment
DUSTIN JOHN BENNY,) NMT 40 Years Imprisonment
[DOB: ■■■/1980],) NMT \$2,000,000 Fine
) NLT 4 Years Supervised Release
DANNY RAY HUGHES,) Class B Felony
[DOB: ■■■/1974],)
) **COUNT FIVE: Defendants Lara-Ruiz and**
CODY SHAWN GARDNER,) **Corbitt**
[DOB: ■■■/1982],) 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)
) and 18 U.S.C. § 2
) NLT 5 Years Imprisonment
NATHAN MICHAEL MCKEE,) NMT 40 Years Imprisonment
a/k/a “Cheesy”) NMT \$2,000,000 Fine
[DOB: ■■■/1981],) NLT 4 Years Supervised Release
Defendants.) Class B Felony

-) **COUNT SIX: Defendant Lara-Ruiz**
-) 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)
-) and 18 U.S.C. § 2
-) NLT 10 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT Life Imprisonment
-) NMT \$4,000,000 Fine
-) NLT 5 Years Supervised Release
-) Class A Felony
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-) **COUNT SEVEN: Defendant Lara-Ruiz**
-) 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)
-) and 18 U.S.C. § 2
-) NLT 10 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT Life Imprisonment
-) NMT \$4,000,000 Fine
-) NLT 5 Years Supervised Release
-) Class A Felony
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-) **COUNT EIGHT: Defendants Lara-Ruiz and Hughes**
-) 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)
-) and 18 U.S.C. § 2
-) NLT 10 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT Life Imprisonment
-) NMT \$4,000,000 Fine
-) NLT 5 Years Supervised Release
-) Class A Felony
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-) **COUNT NINE: Defendants Lara-Ruiz and Gutierrez**
-) 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)
-) and 18 U.S.C. § 2
-) NLT 10 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT Life Imprisonment
-) NMT \$4,000,000 Fine
-) NLT 5 Years Supervised Release
-) Class A Felony
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-) **COUNT TEN: Defendants Lara-Ruiz, Bish, Sneddon, and Gardner**
-) 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (a)(1)(A)(i) and 18 U.S.C. § 2
-) NMT 20 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT \$500,000 Fine
-) NMT 3 Years of Supervised Release
-) Class C Felony

-) COUNT ELEVEN: **Defendant Lara-Ruiz**
-) 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (a)(1)(A)(i) and 18 U.S.C. § 2
-) NMT 20 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT \$500,000 Fine
-) NMT 3 Years of Supervised Release
-) Class C Felony
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-) COUNT TWELVE: **Defendants Lara-Ruiz and**
-) **Gutierrez**
-) 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (a)(1)(A)(i) and 18 U.S.C. § 2
-) NMT 20 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT \$500,000 Fine
-) NMT 3 Years of Supervised Release
-) Class C Felony
-)
-) COUNT THIRTEEN: **All Defendants**
-) 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (a)(1)(A)(i) and (h)
-) NMT 20 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT \$500,000 Fine
-) NMT 3 Years of Supervised Release
-) Class C Felony
-)
-) COUNT FOURTEEN: **Defendant Lara-Ruiz**
-) 18 U.S.C. § 924 (c)(1)(A)(i)
-) NLT 5 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT \$250,000 Fine
-) NMT 3 Years Supervised Release
-) Class D Felony
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-) COUNT FIFTEEN: **Defendant Lara-Ruiz**
-) 18 U.S.C. § 924 (c)(1)(A)(iii)
-) NLT 10 Years Imprisonment
-) NMT \$250,000 Fine
-) NMT 3 Years Supervised Release
-) Class D Felony
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-) \$100 Special Assessment for Counts 1 through 15
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INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

COUNT ONE

That on or between January 1, 2005 and December 27, 2006, the exact dates unknown to the Grand Jury, in the Western District of Missouri and other places, GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill”, defendant herein, did knowingly and intentionally engage in a continuing criminal enterprise by knowingly and intentionally violating Title 21, United States Code, Section 841 et seq., which violations include, but are not limited to, the violations contained in Counts Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, and Nine of this indictment, which counts are all re-alleged and incorporated herein as if set out word for word, and said violations were part of a continuing series of violations of Title 21, United States Code, Section 801, et seq., undertaken by the defendant GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill” in concert with five or more other persons, which could include but not be limited to Laci Dawn Hughes, Mario Rodriguez-Alvarez, a/k/a “Herman Lara-Ruiz”, a/k/a “Primo”, and others, including the defendants listed in this indictment, with respect to whom defendant GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill” occupied a position of organizer, supervisor, or manager and from this ongoing criminal enterprise the defendant GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill” obtained substantial income or resources.

Furthermore, the defendant GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill” was the principal administrator, organizer or leader of the continuing criminal enterprise, which involved possession with intent to distribute and distribution of a mixture or substance containing

methamphetamine in an amount of at least 10 kilos [200 times that required in Title 21, United States Code, Section 841 (b)(1)(B)].

All in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 848 (a)(b)(c) and (s).

COUNT TWO

That on or between January 1, 2005, and December 27, 2006, the exact dates unknown to the Grand Jury, in the Western District of Missouri and other places, LEATHA MAE GUTIERREZ, a/k/a “Leatha Mae Hughes”; BRUCE ALLEN BISH; BELINDA LEIGH HEASTAN; CHARLES WHITSON CORBITT; KALA YVETTE ROSE; STEVEN LAVERNE BLACKETER; ERNEST HAROLD SNEDDON, a/k/a “Mouse”; DUSTIN JOHN BENNY; DANNY RAY HUGHES; CODY SHAWN GARDNER; and NATHAN MICHAEL MCKEE, a/k/a “Cheesy”, defendants herein, did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, confederate and agree with each other and others, both known and unknown to the grand jury, including defendant GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill”, to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in an amount of five-hundred (500) grams or more, contrary to the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A), all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

COUNT THREE

_____ That on or between May 1, 2006 and November 1, 2006, said dates being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill”; KALA YVETTE ROSE and STEVEN LAVERNE BLACKETER, defendants herein, and an uncharged accomplice, aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the

intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in an amount of fifty (50) grams or more, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT FOUR

_____ That on or about May 25, 2006, said date being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill”; LEATHA MAE GUTIERREZ, a/k/a “Leatha Mae Hughes” and BRUCE ALLEN BISH, defendants herein, aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in an amount of fifty (50) grams or more, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT FIVE

_____ That on or about October 12, 2006, said date being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill” and CHARLES WHITSON CORBITT, defendants herein, and an uncharged accomplice, aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in an amount of fifty (50) grams or more, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT SIX

That on or between May 1, 2006 and November 1, 2006, said dates being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill”, defendant herein, and an uncharged accomplice, David Lee Phinney, aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in an amount of five hundred (500) grams or more, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT SEVEN

That on or between May 1, 2006 and November 1, 2006, said dates being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill”, defendant herein, and an uncharged accomplice, aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in an amount of five hundred (500) grams or more, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT EIGHT

That on or between January 1, 2006 and December 27, 2006, said dates being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill” and DANNY RAY HUGHES, defendants herein, and an uncharged accomplice, Laci Dawn Hughes, aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a

Schedule II controlled substance, in an amount of five hundred (500) grams or more, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT NINE

That on or between January 1, 2005 and December 27, 2006, said dates being approximate, in the Western District of Missouri, GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill” and LEATHA MAE GUTIERREZ, a/k/a “Leatha Mae Hughes”, defendants herein, and an uncharged accomplice, Laci Dawn Hughes, aiding and abetting each other, did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in an amount of five hundred (500) grams or more, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT TEN

On or between May 1, 2006 and December 27, 2006, in the Western District of Missouri, GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill”; BRUCE ALLEN BISH; ERNEST HAROLD SNEDDON and CODY SHAWN GARDNER, defendants herein, and an uncharged accomplice, Laci Dawn Hughes, aiding and abetting each other, knowing that the property involved in the financial transaction represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, conducted a financial transaction which financial transaction in fact involved the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity, conspiracy to distribute controlled substances in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, with the intent to promote the carrying on of that specified unlawful activity, to wit: SNEDDON took a motorcycle as payment for drugs then

BISH and GARDNER and others assisted HUGHES in taking it as payment for drugs and LARA-RUIZ paid drugs for it; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT ELEVEN

On or between May 1, 2006 and December 27, 2006, in the Western District of Missouri, GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill”, defendant herein, and an uncharged accomplice, David Lee Phinney, aiding and abetting each other, knowing that the property involved in the financial transaction represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, conducted a financial transaction which financial transaction in fact involved the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity, conspiracy to distribute controlled substances in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, with the intent to promote the carrying on of that specified unlawful activity, to wit: Phinney traded a stolen 9 mm semi-automatic pistol to LARA-RUIZ for a drug debt reduction and methamphetamine; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT TWELVE

On or between January 1, 2005 and December 27, 2006, in the Western District of Missouri, GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill” and LEATHA MAE GUTIERREZ, a/k/a “Leatha Mae Hughes”, defendants herein, and an uncharged accomplice, Laci Dawn Hughes, aiding and abetting each other, knowing that the property involved in the financial transaction represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, conducted a financial transaction which financial transaction in fact involved the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity, conspiracy to distribute controlled substances in violation of Title 21, United States Code,

Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, with the intent to promote the carrying on of that specified unlawful activity, to wit: LARA-RUIZ accepted cash exceeding \$50,000.00 from Carl David Jackson, a/k/a “Buku”, for methamphetamine and GUTIERREZ and Hughes helped process the cash; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

COUNT THIRTEEN

On or between January 1, 2005 and December 27, 2006, in the Western District of Missouri, GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill”, LEATHA MAE GUTIERREZ, a/k/a “Leatha Mae Hughes”, BRUCE ALLEN BISH; BELINDA LEIGH HEASTAN; CHARLES WHITSON CORBITT; KALA YVETTE ROSE; STEVEN LAVERNE BLACKETER; ERNEST HAROLD SNEDDON, a/k/a “Mouse”; DUSTIN JOHN BENNY; DANNY RAY HUGHES; CODY SHAWN GARDNER; and NATHAN MICHAEL MCKEE, a/k/a “Cheesy”, defendants herein, and uncharged co-conspirators David Lee Phinney, and Laci Dawn Hughes, and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, knowing that the property involved in the financial transactions represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, conducted financial transactions which financial transactions in fact involved the proceeds of a specified unlawful activity, conspiracy to distribute controlled substances in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, with the intent to promote the carrying on of that specified unlawful activity, to wit: LARA-RUIZ accepted cash, guns and vehicles, valued in excess of \$50,000 total, from all named herein and all herein named knew that the cash, guns or vehicles were, or represented, proceeds of illegal drug distribution and were provided to promote the drug

distribution conspiracy; all in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1956(a)(1)(A)(i) and (h).

COUNT FOURTEEN

That on or between January 1, 2006 and December 27, 2006, in the Western District of Missouri, GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill”, defendant herein, in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, those crimes set out in Counts One and Three through Nine of this indictment, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, possessed at least one firearm, to wit: a “sawed-off” shotgun seen at his house in late 2006, an AR-15 style rifle shown at his house in mid-2006, a black 9 mm semi-auto pistol traded for drug debt reduction and methamphetamine in mid-2006, and a black .32 caliber semi-auto pistol and a .22 caliber revolver traded for methamphetamine to a co-conspirator in 2006, all contrary to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i).

COUNT FIFTEEN

That on or about November 18, 2006, in the Western District of Missouri, GILBERTO LARA-RUIZ, a/k/a “Hill”, defendant herein, during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime for which he may be prosecuted in a court of the United States, that is, those crimes set out in Counts One and Three through Nine of this indictment, all allegations of which are incorporated herein

by reference, used and discharged a firearm, to wit: a loaded handgun, all contrary to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(iii).

A TRUE BILL.

/s/ Dana Stout
FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY

/s/ Bruce Rhoades
Bruce Rhoades
Assistant United States Attorney

Dated: _4/9/09
Kansas City, Missouri