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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**RE: GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS RETURNED ON DISTRIBUTION OF METHAMPHETAMINE, CONSPIRACY TO CONTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE AND IMPORTATION OF METHAMPHETAMINE.**

On September 23, 2021 the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Grand Jury returned indictments on EDWARD SANDOVAL, MICHAEL VO, TODD DAVIES, CESAR GRACIAN and BEN NGUYEN on the above charges.

The indictment was a result of a year-long investigation by the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Drug Task Force, and the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Office. The indictment alleges that this drug trafficking organization was importing pound quantities of methamphetamine from California for distribution in our local communities. The most serious charges in these cases carry a possible sentence of a mandatory eight (8) years to thirty-two (32) years in the Department of Corrections.

The District Attorney's Office and the Drug Task Force would like to recognize and thank the DEA Los Angeles Field Division Group 5 and the El Monte Police Department for their assistance with this investigation.

**Any criminal charge against a defendant is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty.**