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**ALLEGED LATIN KING GANG MEMBER INDICTED FOR  
ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, AND BODY ARMOR**

Orlando, Florida - United States Attorney Paul I. Perez today announced the return of an indictment of Michael Victor Lugo, a 28 year old resident of Ocoee, Florida, charging Lugo with six counts of illegal possession of firearms, ammunition, and body armor, by a convicted felon. If convicted of all counts, Lugo faces a mandatory minimum period of imprisonment of fifteen years up to 78 years, and a fine of up to \$250,000.

According to the indictment, Lugo has previously been convicted of several felonies, including the following:

1. On May 29, 1997, three counts of Armed Burglary of a Dwelling and two counts of Burglary of a Dwelling, in Clay County, Florida.
2. On May 30, 1997, Attempted Burglary of a Dwelling, in Clay County, Florida.
3. On December 2, 1997, Burglary of a Structure, in Bradford County, Florida.
4. On December 2, 1997, Burglary of a Dwelling, in Bradford County, Florida.

The indictment also alleges that on or about May 25, 2006, Lugo possessed a large

number of firearms and ammunition, including:

- A. Maverick Arms by Mossberg shotgun, Model 88, 12 gauge;
- B. Charles Daly shotgun, Field Model, 12 gauge;
- C. Charles Daly shotgun, Field Model, 12 gauge;
- D. Norinco rifle, Model AK-47 Sporter, 7.62X39mm;
- E. Star, Bonifacio & Echeverria pistol, Model BM, 9mm;
- F. Sig Sauer pistol, Model P226, 9mm;
- G. Ruger pistol, Model Mark II Target, .22 caliber;
- H. 95 rounds of Kent 12 gauge ammunition;
- I. 30 rounds of Winchester 12 gauge ammunition;
- J. 9 rounds of Winchester 7.62 x 39mm ammunition;
- K. 3 rounds of Wolf 7.62x39mm ammunition;
- L. 22 rounds of Remington 20 gauge ammunition;
- M. 1 round of Remington 12 gauge ammunition;
- N. 5 rounds of Sellier & Bellot 12 gauge ammunition;
- O. 9 rounds of Federal .22 caliber ammunition;
- P. 1 round of Federal .40 S&W caliber ammunition;
- Q. 1 round of Federal .44 auto caliber ammunition;
- R. 78 rounds of Winchester .9mm Luger ammunition;
- S. 1 round of Winchester .9mm ammunition;
- T. 41 rounds of Russian 7.62x39mm ammunition; and
- U. 50 rounds of Winchester .380 Auto caliber ammunition;

Lugo currently is in custody in the Hillsborough County Jail on State charges of

kidnaping with a firearm; aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; and a racketeering conspiracy. A federal detainer has been placed on him in the event he is released from custody in Hillsborough County.

The U.S. Attorney's Office has been working closely with several local, state and federal agencies in the investigation of gangs operating in the Middle District of Florida. Several arrests were made back on August 21, 2006, in Hillsborough County (See Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office press release # 06-348). Those defendants were charged by the state; however, follow up investigative efforts led to these federal charges against Lugo. The U.S. Attorney's Office is continuing to review other state cases that may eventually lead to federal charges.

The case was investigated by members of the Operation Safe Street Task Force which include the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the Tampa Police Department, the Orange County Sheriff's Office, and the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Vincent A. Citro.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.