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**Thirteen Area Residents Charged in Racketeering Conspiracy
and Various Violent Crime and Drug Offenses**

Northern District of Oklahoma United States Attorney David E. O'Meilia announced that a federal Grand Jury Indictment was unsealed today charging thirteen individuals with conspiracy to violate federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statutes. In addition, various defendants are charged with specific violent, drug, and weapons crimes and the indictment alleges they were involved in racketeering activity, drug conspiracies, violent crimes in aid of the racketeering activity, weapons offenses, and money laundering. The following individuals, all from the Tulsa area, are named in the indictment and face a total of 147 counts:

- Michael Summers, aka "Mikey D", 32 yrs old;
- Phillip Summers, aka "Phil Phil", 19 yrs old;
- Paul Summers, aka "Tom Tom", 21 yrs old;
- Roy Summers, aka "Long John", 23 yrs old;
- Curtis Deon Jones, aka "Straight Face" aka "Frankfort" aka "Deon, 22 yrs old;
- Rolethia Summers, aka "Leithia", 25 yrs old;
- Robert Fellows, aka "Rabbo", 21 yrs old;
- Stefan Williams, 34 yrs old;
- Chris Gibson, 33 yrs old;
- Bobby Gibson, 28 yrs old;
- Inez Valdez, 23 yrs old;
- Jesus Trejo, 21 yrs old; and
- Kenneth Ferrell aka "C-Rider", 20 yrs old.

O'Meilia stated that this particular investigation, conducted as part of the Northern District of Oklahoma's violent crime initiative "Operation Ceasefire," spanned over 18 months and involved the identification and investigation of the leaders and associates of the Hoover Crips, a Tulsa street gang. The RICO statutes, enacted in 1970, were initially utilized to combat

the criminal threats of Organized Crime. O'Meilia further stated that in response to the increase in gang violence nationally, the Department of Justice has and is utilizing the RICO statutes to target and dismantle entire street gang organizations. This is the first RICO prosecution brought in the Northern District of Oklahoma.

The indictment alleges that from January 2000 until September of 2004, a racketeering conspiracy (18 U.S.C. §1962) existed to violate various state and federal laws including the distribution of cocaine and marijuana, and the commission of violent acts including murder and tampering with witnesses. Additionally, various defendants face individual drug related charges, weapons offenses, violent crimes in aid of racketeering, money laundering, and the use of communication facilities (telephones). If found guilty the defendants face up to life without parole, a \$250,000 fine, and 5 years of supervised release for the racketeering conspiracy charge. The other charges carry punishments of up to 10 years for the various weapons offenses (18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) & 924(c)), 20 years for money laundering (18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i), up to 10 years for intimidation of a witness (18 U.S.C. § 1512), and 5 years to life without parole for various drug related offenses.

O'Meilia praised the work of the following agencies for their participation in this investigation which utilized multiple investigative techniques to identify members of the enterprise, the "Hoover Crips."

- Tulsa Police Department
- Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Control (OBNDCC)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and Explosives (ATF)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Tulsa County District Attorney's Office
- Tulsa County Sheriff's Office

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Attorney Allen J. Litchfield and Assistant United States Attorney Shannon Henson will lead the prosecution efforts. O'Meilia stressed that this RICO indictment, in combination with the Violent Crime Impact Team (VCIT) assigned to Tulsa in June 2004, are the targeted efforts by federal, state and local law enforcement to vigorously pursue street gangs and their leaders who commit drug and violent crimes within the Northern District of Oklahoma. O'Meilia emphasized that Operation Ceasefire is a component of the Project Safe Neighborhoods strategy, a Department of Justice sponsored violent crime initiative led by the United States Attorney's Office in the Northern District of Oklahoma.

A Grand Jury Indictment is one method of charging a defendant with alleged violations of federal law which must be proven in a court of law beyond a reasonable doubt to overcome the defendant's presumption of innocence.