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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Plaintiff,
v.

DAVID RIVAS (1),
aka Espanto,
SORINA CONTRERAS (2),
aka Rema,

<u>I N D I C T M E N T</u>
Title 18, U.S.C., Secs. 922(g)(1)

and 924(a)(2) - Felon in
Possession of a Firearm; Title 18,
U.S.C., Sec. 2 - Aiding and
Abetting; Title 18, U.S.C.,
Secs. 922(d) and 924(a)(2) - Sale

Defendants.
) of Firearm to a Prohibited Person
)

The grand jury charges:

Count 1

On or about November 3, 2008, within the Southern District of California, defendant DAVID RIVAS, aka Espanto, being a person who had previously been convicted in courts, to wit:

- a) the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, that is, on or about March 5, 2003, assault with a deadly weapon, in violation of California Penal Code Sec. 245(A)(1);
- b) the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, that is, on or about November 13, 2003, possession of

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- a controlled substance while armed, in violation of California Health and Safety Code Sec. 11370.1(A); and
- c) the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, that is, on or about August 18, 2005, evasion of a peace officer, in violation of California Vehicle Code Sec. 2800.2(A);

did knowingly and unlawfully possess in and affecting commerce a firearm, that is, a 7.62×39 caliber Yugoslavian model SKS rifle, serial no. 252236; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

Count 2

On or about November 3, 2008, within the Southern District of California, defendant SORINA CONTRERAS, aka Rema, being a person who had previously been convicted in a court, that is, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, that is, on or about May 6, 2003, possession of a controlled substance for sale while armed with a firearm, in violation of California Health and Safety Code Sec. 11378, did knowingly and unlawfully possess in and affecting commerce a firearm, that is, a 7.62 x 39 caliber Yugoslavian model SKS rifle, serial no. 252236; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2.

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Count 3

On or about November 3, 2008, within in the Southern District of California, defendant SORINA CONTRERAS, aka Rema, knowingly sold a firearm, that is, a 7.62 x 39 caliber Yugoslavian model SKS rifle, serial no. 252236, to David Rivas, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that David Rivas had been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(d) and 924(a)(2).

DATED: February 5, 2009.

A TRUE BILL:

Foreperson

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Assistant U.S. Attorney