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The Lee County Grand Jury convened today and have issued indictments in two cases. Ruben Dario DeLeon was indicted on four charges, including First Degree Murder for the murder of his wife Jeannette DeLeon on May 22nd. He was also indicted on one count each of Attempted First Degree Murder- Discharging a Firearm, Aggravated Battery with a Firearm Causing Great Harm and Tampering with a Witness, Victim, or Informant.

The Lee County Grand Jury also indicted Abenamar Benavides and Cesar Augusto Contreras each on First Degree Murder charges for the murder of Adam Cortes. They were also both indicted on Second Degree Arson-Structure and Kidnapping charges.

All three defendants will now be arraigned on these new charges on July 28th. All three are being held in the Lee County Jail with no bond. A copy of the indictments are attached.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, LEE COUNTY, FALL TERM, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHT

CASE NO. 07-020932CF and 07-020967CF

STATE OF FLORIDA

vs.

CESAR AUGUSTO CONTRERAS

INDICTMENT FOR

ABENAMAR BENAVIDES

- 1) First Degree Murder, F.S. 782.04(1), Capital Felony
- 2) Second Degree Arson-structure, F.S. 806.01(2); 777.011, Second Degree Felony
- 3) Kidnapping, F.S. 787.01, PBL Felony

In the name of and by the Authority of the State of Florida:

The Grand Jurors of the State of Florida, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the County of Lee upon their oath do present that **CESAR AUGUSTO CONTRERAS and ABENAMAR BENAVIDES**, in the County of Lee and State of Florida,

1. On or about October 21, 2007 in Lee County, Florida, **CESAR AUGUSTO CONTRERAS and ABENAMAR BENAVIDES** did unlawfully from a premeditated design to effect the death of a human being or while engaged in the perpetration of, or in the attempt to perpetrate a Kidnapping of Adam Cortes, kill and murder Adam Cortes, a human being, by discharging a firearm and shooting at him and the death of the said Adam Cortes was the result of the discharge of the firearm, contrary to Florida Statute 782.04(1); 777.011; 775.087(2)(a)2,
2. On or about October 21, 2007 in Lee County, Florida, **CESAR AUGUSTO CONTRERAS** did unlawfully and willfully, by fire or explosion, damage or cause to be damaged, a structure, to-wit: a motor vehicle, located at or in the vicinity of Oro Road and Isabella Street in Lehigh Acres, Florida contrary to Florida Statute 806.01(2); 777.011,
3. On or about October 21, 2007 in Lee County, Florida, **CESAR AUGUSTO CONTRERAS and ABENAMAR BENAVIDES** did, without lawful authority, forcibly, secretly, or by threat, confine, abduct, or imprison another person, to-wit: Adam Cortes, against said person's will, with the intent to inflict bodily harm upon or to terrorize Adam Cortes, a human being, contrary to Florida Statute 787.01; 777.011,

and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

I, Assistant State Attorney Daniel P. Feinberg, as authorized and required by law, have advised the Grand Jury returning the indictment.

Daniel P. Feinberg
Assistant State Attorney

A TRUE BILL

Foreperson of the Grand Jury

Presented in open Court by
the Grand Jury and filed

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CHARLIE GREEN
CLERK OF THE COURT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, LEE COUNTY, FALL TERM, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND EIGHT

CASE NO. 08-017556CF

STATE OF FLORIDA

vs.

RUBEN DARIO DELEON

Race: Hispanic Sex: Male

D.O.B.: 7/3/1975

SS #:

INDICTMENT FOR

1) First Degree Murder, F.S. 782.04(1), Capital Felony

2) Attempted First Degree Murder - Discharging Firearm, F.S. 782.04(1); 777.04; 775.087(2)(a)2, Life Felony

3) Aggravated Battery With A Firearm Causing Great Harm, F.S. 784.045; 775.087, Second Degree Felony

4) Tampering With A Witness, Victim, Or Informant, F.S. 914.22(1), Third Degree Felony

In the name of and by the Authority of the State of Florida:

The Grand Jurors of the State of Florida, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the County of Lee upon their oath do present that **RUBEN DARIO DELEON**, in the County of Lee and State of Florida,

1. On or about May 22, 2008 in Lee County, Florida, did unlawfully from a premeditated design to effect the death of a human being, kill and murder Jeannette Deleon a human being, by discharging a firearm and shooting at her and the death of the said Jeannette Deleon was the result of the discharge of the firearm, contrary to Florida Statute 782.04(1); 775.087(2)(a)2,

2. On or about May 22, 2008 in Lee County, Florida, did unlawfully, from a premeditated design to effect the death of a human being, attempt to kill and murder Cynthia Pereira, human being, by discharging a firearm and shooting at Cynthia Pereira, contrary to Florida Statute 782.04(1); 777.04; 775.087(2)(a)2,

3. On or about May 22, 2008 in Lee County, Florida, did unlawfully commit a battery upon H.D.M., by actually and intentionally touching or striking said person against said person's will, or by intentionally causing bodily harm to said person, and in committing said battery, did intentionally or knowingly cause great bodily harm, permanent disability, or permanent disfigurement to the said H.D.M., or did use a deadly weapon, to-wit: a firearm, contrary to Florida Statute 784.045; 775.087,

4. On or about May 22, 2008 in Lee County, Florida, did knowingly use intimidation or physical force, or threatened or attempted to do so, with the intent to hinder, delay or prevent H.D.M. from communicating information relating to the commission or possible commission of an offense to a law enforcement officer, contrary to Florida Statute 914.22(1),

and against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

I, Assistant State Attorney Daniel P. Feinberg, as authorized and required by law, have advised the Grand Jury returning the indictment.

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