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PRESS RELEASE

FOURTEEN MEMBERS OF THE MOTORCYCLE CLUB KNOWN AS "THE LOST" AND OPERATING IN AND AROUND THE CITY OF LOS SANTOS IN THE STATE OF SAN ANDREAS HAVE BEEN CHARGED UNDER THE RICO STATUTES FOR ORGANIZED CRIME RELATED TO MURDER, ATTEMPTED MURDER, RACKETEERING, AND CONSPIRACY.

<u>The defendants' identities and positions within the organization are currently sealed</u> pending an active Federal investigation by the FIB.

LOS SANTOS, SAN ANDREAS - A 49-count indictment has been unsealed this morning in Federal Court, charging all members of the Lost MC with a wide array of indictments ranging from conspiracy and racketeering to homicide of government employees.

The defendants charged include members and senior leadership of the club, and as such, under RICO (The **Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations** (**RICO**) Act is a United States federal law that provides for extended criminal penalties and a civil cause of action for acts performed as part of an ongoing criminal organization.

RICO was enacted by Title IX of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91–452, 84 Stat. 922, enacted October 15, 1970) and is codified at 18 U.S.C. ch. 9) the state may confiscate and seize any and all assets owned by the organization and its members and dispose of said assets as deemed appropriate.

As such, local PD units, in cooperation with Federal Task Force personnel from the DEA, FIB, and the State Department, were provided proper warrants, allowing them to control any assets managed by said organization.

The members filed under RICO have been incarcerated in a Federal detention facility in upstate NY, pending conclusion, and are not eligible for bail as they present a clear and present danger to the population and are a flight risk.

Docket numbers for cases will be forthcoming after investigations are performed by the task force.