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### **SACRAMENTO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO A FRAUDULENT APPLICATION FOR A UNITED STATES PASSPORT**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JOHN FREDERICK LASQUADE, 53, of Sacramento, pled guilty today before United States District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton to making false statements in an application for a United States Passport, a felony under Title 18, section 1542 of the United States Code.

This case was investigated by the Diplomatic Security Service of the United States Department of State.

LASQUADE was indicted by a federal grand jury in the District of Colorado on November 2, 2006. The case was transferred to the Eastern District of California with the permission of both districts. The United States did not negotiate a plea bargain in this case. According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who is prosecuting the case, LASQUADE admitted that, on January 8, 2002, in the state of Colorado, he fraudulently applied for a United States Passport in the name of his deceased brother. LASQUADE specifically sought expedited processing of the passport bearing his picture and his brother's name in order to leave the United States quickly. LASQUADE submitted false declarations and his own picture and fingerprints to secure the United States Passport.

LASQUADE is scheduled to be sentenced on May 8, 2007. The maximum penalty he faces is 10 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000. However, the actual sentence will be determined at the discretion of the court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables, and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

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