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## **JACKSONVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MAKING COUNTERFEIT IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS**

Jacksonville, Florida - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announced today that Feliciano Ortiz-Cruz, age 38, of Jacksonville, pled guilty to a two-count federal indictment charging him with making and possessing counterfeit immigration documents. The maximum penalties for each count are a term of imprisonment of ten years and a \$250,000 fine. Ortiz-Cruz was ordered to remain in custody pending his sentencing hearing, which has not yet been scheduled.

According to court records, after receiving a tip, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents arranged for a confidential informant to purchase counterfeit Resident Alien cards and Social Security cards from Ortiz-Cruz on November 10, 2008 and November 19, 2008. The transactions took place in a Jacksonville shopping center parking lot, which was under surveillance by law enforcement. According to court records, on November 10, 2008, the confidential informant requested and purchased one set of documents for \$170, and, on November 19, 2008, four sets of counterfeit documents for \$560. According to court records, on November 25, 2008, ICE agents executed a search warrant at Ortiz-Cruz's Vining Street residence and recovered a computer, printer, and a laminating machine used to make the counterfeit documents.

The case was investigated by agents of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Dale R. Campion.