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**TWO MEXICAN NATIONALS SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT
FOR CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT FRAUD AND RELATED ACTIVITY
IN CONNECTION WITH IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS**

LAFAYETTE, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that Jose Pascacio, aka Angel Perez, aka Jose Luis Gil Pascacio, aka Jose Luis A Gil Pascacio, and Juan Carillo, aka Jose Martinez, aka Juan Cruz Carillo, aka Sergio Cervantes-Vasquez, both Mexican Nationals illegally present in the United States, were sentenced to two years imprisonment by U.S. District Judge Elizabeth E. Foote, after pleading guilty on June 11, 2012, to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Fraud and Related Activity in Connection with Identification Documents. Juan Carillo also pleaded guilty to one count of Illegal Reentry of a Removed Alien. Carillo had been previously removed from the United States on three occasions.

In addition to the prison sentence, Judge Foote ordered that the defendants forfeit property, including \$3,554.00 in U.S. currency, one Ford Ranger vehicle, one Dodge Ram vehicle, and other items used in furtherance of the conspiracy.

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents began the investigation after receiving information that Carillo and Pascacio were selling fraudulent identification documents. During the investigation, HSI agents made several controlled purchases of fraudulent Social Security cards and Lawful Permanent Resident cards.

On January 18, 2012, HSI agents executed a search warrant at the residence of Carillo and Pascacio in Duson, Louisiana. During the execution of the search warrant, agents located items indicative of a document fraud organization, including completed fraudulent Lawful Permanent Cards and Social Security cards, a computer, several digital cameras and cellular telephones, two printers, approximately 1,500 blank card stock used in the creation of false Lawful Permanent Resident cards, blank stock paper similar to that used during previous controlled purchases of Social Security cards from the conspirators, a laminator,

large paper cutters and other items indicative of a false document operation. Both Carillo and Pascacio were arrested pursuant to arrest warrants related to the investigation.

U.S. Attorney Finley stated, "The United States takes document fraud extremely serious. Trafficking in false documents potentially impacts our District in numerous ways, including immigration violations, rights to work, and the security of the United States. As such, we will continue to aggressively prosecute individuals trafficking in false United States identification documents."

The investigation was led by Special Agent Scott Woodrow of the Homeland Security Investigations. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Daniel J. McCoy.

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