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Event: Sentenced

Defendant: Jesse Toma Babby

MADISON HEIGHTS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR IMMIGRATION CONSPIRACY

Jesse Toma Babby, 46, of Madison Heights was sentenced yesterday to 18 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Marianne O. Battani, United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced. Joining in the announcement was Special Agent-In-Charge Brian Moskowitz, Immigration and Customs Enforcement – Office of Investigations in Detroit (ICE).

Babby pled guilty on May 1, 2009 to conspiracy to commit visa fraud, marriage fraud, and encouraging illegal entry by an alien. As part of his plea, Babby admitted that from August 2002 through December 2005 he participated in a scheme to assist Iraqi foreign nationals in obtaining visas to enter the United States through fraudulent marriages and engagements to United States citizens. Babby admitted to paying U.S. citizens to travel to Amman, Jordan, where they entered into fraudulent marriages or engagements and subsequently filed petitions for their alien spouse or fiance to obtain an entry visa. As a result of the scheme, at least 10 foreign nationals obtained visas and entered the United States.

Babby also will serve two years of supervised release upon release from prison.

The case was being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Frances Lee Carlson and Mark Chasteen and was investigated by special agents of ICE.