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### **MARCH 5, 2009 PRESS RELEASE**

ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ANDREW T. BAXTER announced that UTTAM KUMAR SAHA, age 51 of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, pled guilty today to the felony offense of transporting undocumented aliens within the United States, before United States District Court Judge Gary L. Sharpe, in Albany, New York. Sentencing for SAHA is scheduled for July 20, 2009 in Albany, New York. As a result of the conviction, SAHA faces a maximum sentence of imprisonment of 10 years, supervised release of up to 3 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a special assessment of \$100.

SAHA admitted the following:

On July 13, 2008, UTTAM KUMAR SAHA was alone when he entered the United States from Canada at 6:55 PM, by driving a car through the Port of Entry at Champlain, New York. Later that same evening, at approximately 9:45 PM, SAHA was parked in a residential driveway on New York State Route 276 near Rouses Point in the United States. SAHA turned the headlights of his car on and off repeatedly and a second car across the border in Canada did the same thing. Immediately after the exchange of flashing car lights, SAHA moved his car closer to the border on the north shoulder of New York State Route 276.

Within moments of SAHA pulling up to the border, a person exited the car on the Canadian side of the border, walked across the border, and entered the SAHA'S car. SAHA then drove west along the border on New York State Route 276 until he reached the point where Route 276 turns south. SAHA then turned south away from the border but was stopped by a United States Customs and Border Protection officer after completing the turn. Present in the back seat of the car driven by SAHA was an adult female and a male infant. The adult was an alien, a citizen of Pakistan and the infant was also an alien, a citizen of Canada. The adult female had entered the United States without inspection by walking across the border while carrying the infant in her arms near Rouses Point and entering SAHA's waiting car.

SAHA was aware that the people he picked up and transported in his car were aliens, that they had entered the United States without inspection, and that they were illegally present in the United States. SAHA intended to drive the aliens south away from the border and take them to Albany, New York.

The investigation was conducted by the United States Border Patrol and United States Customs and Border Protection, Champlain, New York.

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