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## **MAN PLEADS GUILTY FOR THE SECOND TIME TO ATTEMPTED ILLEGAL RE-ENTRY AFTER DEPORTATION/REMOVAL**

BUFFALO, N.Y.--Mao Lian Lin, of Canada, pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Hugh B. Scott, to a felony charge of Attempted Illegal Re-entry after Deportation/Removal for the second time, Acting U.S. Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter of the Western District of New York announced today. The second conviction for Attempted Illegal Re-entry after Deportation/Removal carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000 a mandatory \$100 special assessment and a term of supervised release of 3 years.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marie P. Grisanti, who handled the case, stated that on or about March 7, 2009, Mao Lian Lin, attempted to enter the United States at the Rainbow Bridge in Niagara Falls, New York while a passenger on an Amtrak train. The defendant was born in China and is a citizen of Canada. He was previously convicted and sentenced by U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny for the same crime in 2007 and was barred from coming back to the United States for 20 years.

The plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Enforcement Officers of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, under the direction of James T. Engleman, Director, Field Operations.

Sentencing will be scheduled by District Judge William M. Skretny.