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Arrests Made in Illegal Alien Harboring Conspiracy

(Alexandria, VA) – Richard Eversole, age 58 and Juan Martinez, age 24, were arrested today related to a conspiracy to harbor illegal aliens. A third individual, Jacob Bocanegra, age 36, is currently being sought by law enforcement. Eversole and Bocanegra both were charged with conspiracy to harbor illegal aliens. Martinez was charged with unlawful reentry into the United States. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after Eversole and Martinez were taken into custody at an apartment complex in Dumfries, Virginia. An additional two individuals were arrested at that apartment complex on immigration document fraud charges. Furthermore, 14 undocumented aliens were administratively arrested including: three at Quantico Marine Base; three in Fredericksburg, Virginia; and, eight at the apartment complex in Dumfries.

According to court documents, Eversole and Bocanegra hired illegal aliens to work on a construction project on Quantico Marine base. Court documents further allege that Eversole and Bocanegra leased apartments for the illegal workers and provided them transportation onto Quantico. The trucks used to transport the illegal workers had Department of Defense decals.

Publicly filed documents also state that Martinez is an alien who was previously deported from the United States in 2004, following his arrest while trying to enter Quantico to work for Eversole. Martinez returned to the United States without permission and is again working for Eversole, according to an affidavit filed in this case. In addition, Martinez allegedly is among the aliens living in the apartments that Eversole and Bocanegra lease for employees.

Court documents indicate that Eversole is a United States citizen and that Bocanegra is a citizen of Mexico who lacks lawful status in the United States. Bocanegra has been encountered by border patrol officials on four occasions and was allowed to return voluntarily to Mexico each time.

At this time, investigators do not believe that those arrested had sought or gained access to sensitive areas or information on Quantico Marine Base.

The investigation was conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, the Marine Corps Criminal Investigations Division, and the Prince William County Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Beth Gibson.

Defendants are presumed to be innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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