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TWO MEN PLEAD GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT FRAUD

(Alexandria, VA) – Adrian Sandoval-Perez and Mario Peralta-Alatorre have pled guilty to conspiracy to commit immigration document fraud in violation of federal law. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement today. Sentencing in the case of Sandoval-Perez is scheduled for January 19, 2006, before United States District Judge T.S. Ellis, III. Peralta-Alatorre is scheduled to be sentenced on February 2, 2006, before United States District Judge James C. Cacheris. Conspiracy to commit immigration document fraud carries a statutory maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum fine of \$250,000.

According to court documents, Sandoval-Perez admitted that the conspiracy resulted in the production and sale of more than 100 counterfeit documents, including social security cards, resident alien cards, employment authorization cards, and various state and international identification documents. Conspirators solicited business in parking lots in Prince William County, Virginia. The counterfeit documents were produced using a computer at a home in Woodbridge, Virginia.

The Prince William County Police Department, Fairfax County Police Department, and Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement investigated the case. Assistant United States Attorneys Stephanie Bibighaus Hammerstrom and Beth Gibson prosecuted the case for the United States.

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