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**WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO OFFENSES ARISING FROM PROSTITUTION  
AT LOCAL MASSAGE PARLOR**

**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - October 23, 2012**

San Diego, CA - United States Attorney Laura E. Duffy announced that Aranya Nguyen entered a guilty plea today to charges arising from her operation of a massage parlor involving prostitution. Nguyen pleaded guilty to one count of failing to file notice with Immigration authorities regarding an alien individual, and one count of filing a false tax return. Nguyen's guilty plea was taken by Presiding Magistrate Judge Nita L. Stormes and is subject to final acceptance by District Judge Barry Ted Moskowitz.

Nguyen admitted that she failed to inform Immigration officials that she maintained and harbored an alien for purposes of prostitution at her massage parlor, Naomi's Oriental Spa, previously located at 3960 Fourth Avenue, in San Diego. Nguyen no longer owns the business. Nguyen was required to provide

officials with the individual's name, age, nationality, date of entry, and any known reason for her entry into the United States. Anyone who knowingly maintains, supports, or harbors an individual for the purpose of prostitution or for any other immoral purpose, who they know or have reason to believe is an alien, is required to make such a filing with Immigration authorities within five days of the commencement of business.

Nguyen also admitted filing a false tax return for income related to her previous business.

Nguyen is scheduled to be sentenced by District Judge Moskowitz on January 14, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

United States Attorney Duffy praised the joint efforts of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations and IRS-Criminal Investigation, which jointly investigated the defendant.

## **DEFENDANT**

**Case Number: 11CR5944-BTM**

Aranya Nguyen

## **SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Count 1:	Title 18, United States Code, Section 2424 (Failure to File a Factual Statement About Alien Individual) Maximum penalties: 5 years of custody; \$250,000 Fine
Count 2:	Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1) (False Tax Returns) Maximum penalties: 3 years of custody; \$250,000 Fine

## **INVESTIGATING AGENCIES**

Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations  
Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation