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DEFENDANT FOUND GUILTY OF FAILING TO DEPORT

Lake Charles, Louisiana . . . A federal jury convicted Viktor Mytyuk, 56, a native and citizen of the Ukraine, of failing to deport the United States, Acting United States Attorney William J. Flanagan announced today.

A jury in Lake Charles returned a guilty verdict late yesterday afternoon against the defendant on 14 counts of failure to deport – one count for each time he refused to fill out a Ukrainian passport application. Testimony at trial revealed that Mytyuk came to the United States on a 6-month visa in 2001, and was apprehended by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement and St. Bernard's Parish Sheriff's Department in 2007. The defendant repeatedly expressed his intent not to return to the Ukraine and continually refused to cooperate with ICE agent.

Sentencing is scheduled for September 2, 2010. Mytyuk faces a maximum possible sentence of four years in prison and a \$250,000 fine (per count), or both.

The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys James T. McManus.

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