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**TEXAS WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRANSPORTING ILLEGAL ALIENS**

Jackson, Miss. - Sheren Nguyen, 47, of Houston, Texas, pled guilty in U.S. District Court to transporting illegal aliens through Mississippi for profit, announced U.S. Attorney John M. Dowdy, Jr., and Raymond R. Parmer, Jr., Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations ("HSI"). Nguyen entered her guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Henry T. Wingate on Thursday, March 31, 2011, and is scheduled to be sentenced on June 10, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.

On December 15, 2010, a vehicle driven by Nguyen on Interstate-55 North in Pike County, Mississippi, was stopped by a Pike County Sheriff's Office deputy for swerving. After determining that the nine passengers in the vehicle had no identification documents and did not speak English, coupled with suspicious statements given by Nguyen, Nguyen was arrested for careless driving and no insurance and she and the passengers were taken to the Pike County jail. The Office of Homeland Security Investigations was later contacted and it was determined that the nine passengers were illegal aliens and Nguyen was arrested for transporting illegal aliens. It was also determined that Nguyen had been previously detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in August 2009 for attempting to transport illegal aliens. Upon interviewing the illegal aliens, HSI discovered that Nguyen knew the aliens were illegal or recklessly disregarded that fact, Nguyen was transporting the illegal aliens to various destinations along the East Coast, and that Nguyen would be paid upon delivery of the illegal aliens to their destinations.

"This case is a perfect example of the outstanding cooperation between Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents and our law enforcement partners. Because of positive interagency cooperation, human trafficking and smuggling criminal organizations are discovering how difficult it is for them to hide their illegal activities from authorities," said Raymond R. Parmer, Jr., special agent in charge of HSI in New Orleans. "We are dedicated to identifying and dismantling these types of illicit operations wherever and whenever we find them." Parmer oversees a five-state area that includes Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Tennessee.

U.S. Attorney Dowdy praised the efforts of the HSI agents along with Sheriff Mark Shepherd and the Pike County Sheriff's Department for their diligent work in the investigation of this matter. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Mike Hurst and Gregg Kennedy are the prosecutors in charge of the case.

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