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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that ZBIGNIEW PANIAK, age 24, of Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania, was sentenced today to probation for a term of three years and a fine of \$2,000, by United States District Court Judge Glenn T. Suddaby, in Albany, New York, for bringing an illegal alien into the United States. Today's sentencing followed PANIAK's December 21, 2009 guilty plea.

On August 14, 2009, ZBIGNIEW PANIAK, a United States citizen born in Poland, walked across the border at a remote location near Chateaugay, New York, guiding an illegal alien from Poland named Franciszek Zapala. PANIAK and Zapala walked to a vehicle that was waiting for them and entered it. They immediately attempted to depart the border area but were stopped and arrested by Border Patrol agents.

This matter was investigated by the United States Border Patrol, Burke, New York.

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