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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that NOE ELISEO BARRIENTOS-HERNANDEZ, age 38, of Auburn, New York, pled guilty today, before Senior United States District Court Judge Lawrence E. Kahn, in Albany, New York, to false personation during an immigration inspection. Sentencing for NOE ELISEO BARRIENTOS-HERNANDEZ is scheduled for December 16, 2010 in Albany. As a result of the conviction, BARRIENTOS-HERNANDEZ faces a maximum sentence of imprisonment of 10 years, supervised release for up to 3 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a special assessment of \$100.

BARRIENTOS-HERNANDEZ, a citizen of Guatemala, was encountered by a United States Border Patrol Agent at a checkpoint on Interstate 87 near North Hudson, New York on July 31, 2010. In response to questions about his identity and citizenship, BARRIENTOS-HERNANDEZ gave a false name and falsely stated that he was born in Puerto Rico. In support of his assertions BARRIENTOS-HERNANDEZ presented a New York State DMV issued identification card and a United States Social security card in the false name. Further investigation revealed BARRIENTOS-HERNANDEZ's true identity and citizenship.

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

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