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## PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced JUAN ALEXANDER SOSA , also known as Jose Molina, age 33, formerly of New York, New York, pled guilty today to the felony offense of re-entry by a previously removed alien before Chief United States District Court Judge Norman A. Mordue, in Albany, New York. Sentencing for SOSA is scheduled for April 5, 2011 in Albany, New York. As a result of the conviction SOSA faces a maximum sentence of imprisonment of up to 20 years, supervised release of up to 3 years, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a special assessment of \$100.

SOSA, a citizen of the Dominican Republic, was involuntarily removed from the United States to the Dominican Republic on December 1, 2004. SOSA was removed by the Department of Homeland Security following his 2003 conviction in the Bronx, New York of the felony offense of attempted criminal possession of a weapon with a sentence imposed of three years imprisonment. On April 9, 2010 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Castle Point, New York, was informed by New York State Department of Corrections that an inmate at the Oneida Correctional facility named Jose Molina and the previously removed alien Juan Alexander Sosa were actually the same person based upon a DNA match.

This matter was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement(ICE), Castle Point, New York and the New York State Department of Corrections.

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