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PRESS RELEASE

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York announced that Francisco Carrillo, also known as Frank Nobles, of Hudson, was sentenced to four years probation today by Senior United States District Judge Lawrence E. Kahn in Albany based upon his conviction for scheming to defraud the United States Social Security Administration (“SSA”) by receiving benefits under two names. Carrillo was also ordered to pay full restitution to the SSA in the amount of \$18,606.

Defendant Carrillo, now age 76, pled guilty on September 23, 2010 to one count of mail fraud in connection with a scheme whereby, on or about June 4, 2002, he initially applied for retirement benefits under Title II (Federal Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act under the false name Frank Nobles with a date of birth in 1935, and, later that same month, he submitted a purported birth certificate from Puerto Rico with that same name and date of birth. Thereafter, on or about April 26, 2006, he submitted an additional application for Title XVI (Supplemental Security Income) benefits under his true name of Francisco Carrillo, with a date of birth in 1934, falsely attesting that he had not used another name or social security number, and concealing the Title II benefits he had received under the Nobles name since in or about 2002. Defendant Carrillo admitted that, in furtherance of this scheme, he caused benefit checks to be mailed to him under the Nobles name in New York City, and under the Carrillo name in Athens and

Cairo, in Greene County within the State and Northern District of New York. On or about January 22, 2007, defendant Carrillo was interviewed by the Office of Inspector General, U.S. Social Security Administration, and provided a sworn statement in which he admitted his true name and date of birth, that he initially started receiving benefits in 1999 under his true Carrillo name, and that he knew that he should not have continued to get benefits under both names.

Defendant Carrillo's son, Frank C. Carrillo, Jr., age 51, of Catskill, pled guilty in an unrelated case before Senior District Judge Kahn on August 25, 2010, to a felony count of failing to disclose information affecting his right to Social Security Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments, essentially by falsely maintaining that he was not and never had been married, and that his wife's income should not have been attributed to him. Defendant Carrillo, Jr. was sentenced on January 14, 2011 to four years probation and ordered to pay full restitution to SSA of \$56,019.02 for the overpayment received as a result of his scheme.

The investigation in both matters was conducted by the local offices of the SSA Office of Inspector General and the United States Postal Inspection Service, and the cases were prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of New York.

Any inquiries may be directed to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert P. Storch or Deputy Criminal Chief AUSA William C. Pericak, both at 518-431-0247.