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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that JAIME LEZAMA CRUZ, age 25, of Schenectady, New York, pled guilty yesterday to the felony offense of re-entry by a previously removed alien before Senior United States District Court Judge Lawrence E. Kahn, in Albany, New York. Sentencing for LEZAMA CRUZ is scheduled for June 16, 2011 in Albany, New York. As a result of the conviction LEZAMA CRUZ faces a maximum sentence of imprisonment of up to 2 years, supervised release of up to 1 year, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a special assessment of \$100.

LEZAMA CRUZ, a citizen of Mexico, was involuntarily removed from the United States to Mexico on March 27, 2004, February 25, 2005 and March 4, 2005. On February 10, 2011 LEZAMA CRUZ was encountered by Guilderland Police during a traffic stop. An Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer responded to the vehicle stop in Guilderland and determined LEZAMA CRUZ to be a previously removed illegal alien.

This matter was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement(ICE), Albany, New York and the Guilderland Police Department.

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