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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that WILBERT ALEXANDER MARTINEZ, age 28, formerly of Manassas, Virginia, pled guilty today before Chief United States District Court Judge Norman A. Mordue, in Albany, New York to the felony offense of re-entry by a previously removed alien. Sentencing for MARTINEZ is scheduled for September 21, 2011 in Albany, New York. As a result of the conviction, MARTINEZ faces a maximum sentence of imprisonment of up to 2 years, supervised release of up to 1 year, and a fine of up to \$250,000.

MARTINEZ, a citizen of El Salvador, admitted today that he was involuntarily removed from the United States to El Salvador on June 27, 2008. On April 12, 2011, MARTINEZ was encountered and arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers in Queensbury, New York.

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

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