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TURKISH ALIEN SMUGGLER SENTENCED

Albany, New York—United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced that UGUR CEBECI, age 38, formerly of Fairview, New Jersey, was sentenced yesterday in Albany, New York by Senior United States District Court Judge Lawrence E. Kahn, to imprisonment for a term of time served (10 months), followed by two years supervised release, for his conviction for bringing an illegal alien to the United States. Judge Kahn immediately remanded CEBECI to the custody of the Department of Homeland Security for removal proceedings.

Yesterday's sentencing followed CEBECI's June 15, 2011 guilty plea.

CEBECI, a citizen of Turkey, was encountered and arrested by United States Border Patrol Agents near Champlain, New York on the evening of September 2, 2010. CEBECI was guiding an illegal alien from Turkey, Ramazan Coskun, across the border on foot so that he could return to the United States after residing in Canada. Coskun pled guilty to the misdemeanor offense of entry without inspection before Magistrate Judge Larry A. Kudrle in Plattsburgh, New York on September 13, 2010.

This matter was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Rouses Point, New York, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Portland, Maine, and United States Border Patrol, Champlain, New York.