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[Plattsburgh, New York]—United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and U.S. Customs and Border Protection Port Director Paul Mongillo announced the sentencing of Fernando Luis RAMIREZ, also known as Juan Ramirez, age 39, of Montreal, Canada. On August 4, 2011, United States District Court Judge Lawrence E. Kahn sentenced RAMIREZ to 4 months in prison, to be followed by one year of supervised release following his earlier guilty plea to Illegal Re-entry by a Previously Deported or Removed Alien in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(a) and making a False Statement in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001(a)(2) (Count 2).

On October 2, 2010, RAMIREZ, attempted to enter the United States at the Port of Entry at Champlain, NY by presenting a Canadian passport with the name "Juan Ramirez". RAMIREZ also falsely stated that he had never been removed from the United States and had never been arrested. In reality, RAMIREZ had been removed from the United States in 1998, had a conviction in the United States for Entry without Inspection, and several Canadian convictions.

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