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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that EFRAIN DIAZ ALACHAN, age 38, of Schenectady, New York, pled guilty today before United States District Court Judge Mae A. D'Agostino, in Albany, New York to the felony offense of re-entry by a previously removed alien. Sentencing for DIAZ ALACHAN is scheduled for February 6, 2012 in Albany, New York. As a result of the conviction, DIAZ ALACHAN 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.

DIAZ ALACHAN, a citizen of El Salvador, admitted today that he was involuntarily removed from the United States to El Salvador on February 3, 2006. On August 31, 2011, DIAZ ALACHAN was encountered by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers at the Colonie New York Town Court. EFRAIN DIAZ ALACHAN was present at the Colonie Town Court to answer traffic tickets that were issued to him by Colonie P.D. on August 6, 2011.

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

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