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## **NEWS RELEASE**

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced today the conviction of a Lowville man for selling false identification documents and assaulting a federal agent in the course of his duties.

MOISES VELAZQUEZ-JACOBO, 36, of Lowville, New York, a citizen and national of Mexico, pled guilty today before the Hon. Glenn T. Suddaby to each of five counts contained in an Indictment returned against him by a federal grand jury in Syracuse, New York, in March 2012. Counts 1 and 2 of the Indictment charged VELAZQUEZ-JACOBO, on two separate dates in January, 2012, with knowingly transferring false documents, to wit: false social security cards and false alien registration cards (also known as "green cards"), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028 (a)(2). Count 3 charged VELAZQUEZ- JACOBO with the knowing possession, on March 7, 2012, of a false social security card and a false alien registration card with the intent that they be used to defraud the United States, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1028 (a)(4). Count 4 charged VELAZQUEZ-JACOBO with trafficking in false identification documents between in or about April 2011 until March 7, 2012. On Counts 1 through 4, VELAZQUEZ-JACOBO faces up to 15 years imprisonment, to be followed by up to 3 years of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000 on each count.

Count 5 of the Indictment charged VELAZQUEZ-JACOBO with forcibly assaulting, resisting, and impeding a Special Agent of the United States Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) while that agent was engaged in the performance of his official duties, and, while in the commission

of the acts described above, did inflict bodily injury upon the agent, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 111 (b) and 111(a). This charge stems from an incident that took place during VELAZQUEZ -JACOBO's arrest in which he bit an arresting agent's finger, piercing the fingernail and causing bodily injury. On Count 5, VELAZQUEZ-JACOBO faces a possible term of imprisonment of up to 20 years, a term of supervised release of up to 3 years, and a fine of up to \$250,000. Judge Suddaby scheduled sentencing for VELAZQUEZ-JACOBO, who has been in custody since his March 7, 2012 arrest, for October 26, 2012. After completing his term of imprisonment, VELAZQUEZ-JACOBO faces deportation to Mexico.

The VELAZQUEZ-JACOBO case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Carl G. Eurenus, who can be reached at 448-0672.