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COLLEEN KAY SHANNON CHARGED WITH TRANSPORTING AN ALIEN

[Plattsburgh, New York]—Colleen Kay SHANNON was charged today by complaint with transporting an alien, announced United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York Richard S. Hartunian and United States Border Patrol Agent in Charge (Burke Station) Michael Casey. SHANNON appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Larry A. Kudrle in Plattsburgh, New York for an initial appearance, and was released on a \$10,000 bond, on condition that she surrender her passport and restrict her travel to the United States. If convicted, SHANNON faces up to five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and one year of supervised release.

According to the complaint: On August 15, 2012, SHANNON applied for admission to the United States at the Port of Entry in Massena, New York. During the inspection process, Customs and Border Protection officers searched SHANNON's vehicle and discovered luggage containing a man's clothing and an Ontario driver's license in the name of a man. After SHANNON entered the United States, federal agents observed her travel to the Great View Motel in Fort Covington, New York. The next day, agents observed SHANNON and a man exit the hotel and get in the same vehicle. When agents later stopped the vehicle, SHANNON was driving and the man whose name had been on the driver's license at the port of entry was the only passenger. That man, a citizen of Canada, did not have authorization to enter or remain in the United States.

The complaint is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John Cooke. Inquiries may be directed to Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney John Duncan at (315) 448-0672.