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INTERNATIONAL FUGITIVE APPREHENDED IN NEW YORK

LEV L. DASSIN, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, JOSEPH R. GUCCIONE, the United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York, PETER J. SMITH, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the Department of Homeland Security's United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), and MARTIN RENKIEWICZ, the Director of the United States National Central Bureau of INTERPOL, announced that ADAM ARASIMOWICZ, 39, a fugitive from a 2001 narcotics conviction in Poland, was apprehended today in Mahopac, New York, on an international extradition warrant.

The arrest was the result of an investigation by ICE and the United States Marshals Regional Fugitive Task Force who, using information provided by the government of Poland to the United States Department of State, were able to identify and apprehend ARASIMOWICZ. According to the Complaint in aid of extradition unsealed today in Manhattan federal court, ARASIMOWICZ was convicted in Poland in 2001 and sentenced to six years' imprisonment for attempting to bring into Poland more than one kilogram of cocaine. Instead of reporting to serve his sentence, however, ARASIMOWICZ fled Poland.

ARASIMOWICZ, born in Urszulin, Poland, is expected to be presented today in Manhattan federal court before United States Magistrate Judge DOUGLAS F. EATON for the court to review and rule upon the request for extradition.

Mr. DASSIN praised the investigative work of ICE and the United States Marshals Service, and thanked INTERPOL for its assistance. Mr. DASSIN also thanked the Department of Justice Office of International Affairs.

Assistant United States Attorney JASON A. MASIMORE is in charge of the matter.