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**SAMUEL ISRAEL III SURRENDERS TO AUTHORITIES
IN SOUTHWICK, MASSACHUSETTS**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, JOSEPH R. GUCCIONE, the United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York, and MARK J. MERSHON, the Assistant Director-in-Charge of the New York Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced that SAMUEL ISRAEL III surrendered to law enforcement authorities in Southwick, Massachusetts, earlier this morning.

On June 9, 2008, ISRAEL failed to surrender to begin serving a 20-year prison sentence for fraudulently inducing investments in the Bayou hedge funds of over \$450 million.

Today, at approximately 9:15 a.m., ISRAEL surrendered to officers of the Southwick, Massachusetts, Police Department. The United States Marshals Service will transfer ISRAEL to the United States District Courthouse in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he will appear before United States District Judge MICHAEL A. PONSOR at 3 p.m.

Mr. GARCIA praised the United States Marshals Service for its extraordinary efforts leading to Israel's surrender. Mr. GARCIA also praised the extraordinary work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which investigated the underlying fraud and worked with the United States Marshals in investigating ISRAEL's disappearance. Mr. GARCIA also thanked the New York State Police and the Southwick, Massachusetts, Police Department.