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**INTERNATIONAL FUGITIVE APPREHENDED AND HELD**  
**FOR EXTRADITION TO SPAIN**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney 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 SERGEI IVANOV, a/k/a "Sergii Iermolenko," appeared in court today after his arrest yesterday on a provisional arrest warrant for his extradition to Spain, where he is wanted on charges that he committed a double homicide. IVANOV was first arrested by ICE agents in New York City last Friday on charges of making false statements to federal agents about his identity.

According to the provisional arrest Complaint filed yesterday in Manhattan federal court: the Spanish Civil Guard entered a cottage in Chiva, Spain on January 10, 1997, and found the bodies of two German nationals who had died of multiple stab wounds. IVANOV's fingerprints were found at the scene of the crime, and further investigation showed that IVANOV used credit cards belonging to one of the victims soon after the crime was committed. Before IVANOV could be interviewed by Spanish authorities, he fled to Belgium, and later to the United States, where he lived under a false identity. According to the criminal Complaint filed Friday in Manhattan federal court with respect to the false statement charges against the defendant, IVANOV's false identity was "Sergii Iermolenko." United States authorities were able to confirm that Sergii Iermolenko is SERGEI IVANOV, the person wanted in Spain, by matching his fingerprints with those contained in an INTERPOL Red Notice seeking IVANOV's arrest on charges related to the double murder.

United States Magistrate Judge KEVIN NATHANIEL FOX ordered IVANOV held without bail pending receipt of a request for his extradition by Spanish authorities through diplomatic channels.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative work of ICE and

thanked INTERPOL for its assistance.

Assistant United States Attorney JASON B. SMITH is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Complaint are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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