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## **VICTOR MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO WEAPONS AND AGGRAVATED ID THEFT CHARGES**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Rey Anthony Anderson, 34, of Victor, N.Y., pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Jonathan W. Feldman, to possession of a firearm by an alien unlawfully in the United States, making a false claim to United States Citizenship, and aggravated identity theft. Count one is punishable by up to 10 years in prison, count two is punishable by up to three years in prison, and the third count carries a mandatory two years in prison consecutive to any sentence imposed for counts one and two. Each count is also punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig R. Gestring, who is handling the case, stated that in April 2011, the defendant's wife called the Ontario County Sheriffs Department to report a domestic disturbance. Deputies seized two long guns from Anderson's home including a Mossberg 12 gauge Model 500 shotgun, and a Ruger SR22RSC rifle. Both weapons contained tactical rail attachments, flashlights, and advanced scopes.

The defendant also had two New York State Drivers Licenses, a social security card and a District of Columbia certificate of birth in his possession at the time of arrest. The drivers licenses were in different names, but both bore the defendants laminated photograph. The investigation determined that the defendant was in fact a Jamaican National who was unlawfully in the United States. Anderson had obtained and used someone else's birth certificate and social security card in order to create a new false identity. At one point in the scheme, the defendant submitted a petition to the Supreme Court of the State of New York in the County of Monroe to change one of his alias names to match that of a name belonging to a real United States Citizen.

The Court granted the order changing the defendant's name, and he then used these documents to obtain a false New York State Enhanced Driver's License. An Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) is a photographic identification document issued by the State of New York which complies with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. This identification document functions as primary proof of United States Citizenship, and can be used to enter the United States at certain border crossings from Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean, including Jamaica. In order to obtain an EDL, you must apply in person at a Motor Vehicle office and provide both proof of identity and proof of United States Citizenship.

Investigators learned that the defendant also falsely claimed United States Citizenship when he purchased both rifles from local gun stores. In addition, he unsuccessfully applied for a United States Passport in one of his alias names. However, the State Department became suspicious of the material submitted with his application and did not issue a Passport.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of Homeland Security Investigations, Department of Homeland Security, under the direction of Special Agent In Charge James C. Spero, Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives under the direction of Scott Heagney, Resident Agent in Charge, and Deputies from the Ontario County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff Philip C. Povero.

Sentencing will be scheduled in Rochester, N.Y., before U.S. District Court Judge David G. Larimer.

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