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## **JURY CONVICTS HONDURAN MAN OF IMMIGRATION CRIME**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Walter Yovany Vasquez Macias, 42, of Honduras, was found guilty after a four day jury trial before U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara of being unlawfully found in the United States after deportation. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Paul J. Campana and Eric P. Oponga, who handled the prosecution of the case, stated that Vasquez Macias was convicted of a drug felony in 1998 and deported to Honduras in 2000. On January 10, 2012, the defendant was found by Customs and Border Protection Officers on the U.S. side of the Rainbow Bridge after being refused admission into Canada on the Canadian side. Officers with the Canada Border Services Agency transported the defendant to the American side of the bridge after he was denied entry into Canada.

The conviction is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Customs and Border Protection Officers, under the direction of Acting Director of Field Operations Randy Howe.

Vasquez Macias has been in custody since his arrest. Sentencing is scheduled for August 17, 2012, at 12:30 p.m., before Judge Arcara.

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