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SENTENCES HANDED DOWN TO TWO DEFENDANTS IN CASE INVOLVING CASH SCHEME FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES

PHILADELPHIA - Alphonso Wilson, 48, of Philadelphia, was sentenced today to six months house arrest and five years probation for his role in a fraud scheme to obtain driver's licenses in exchange for bribes. Co-defendant Mal S. Lee, 55, of North Wales, Pennsylvania, was sentenced Monday to 42 months in prison. Wilson was a driving school operator who made cash payments to Pennsylvania state drivers' license examiners to issue licenses to individuals who took perfunctory driving tests, or no test at all, and who assisted applicants in cheating on driving tests. Lee operated a business in which she arranged for illegal aliens and others to obtain Pennsylvania drivers' licenses using fraudulent identification documents such as passports and visas.

The sentences are part of a two-year investigation led by the United States Attorney's Office Homeland Security Investigations ("HSI") which was formerly known as United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement into several illegal businesses that assisted illegal aliens, foreign nationals, and others in obtaining driver's licenses, through fraudulent means, at various Pennsylvania Department of Transportation driver's license centers in Philadelphia.

The case was investigated by HSI, the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division, the United States Department of Transportation – Office of Inspector General, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Pennsylvania State Police. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard J. Zack.

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