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**PENNDOT OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH EXTORTION AND ID THEFT**

An indictment<sup>1</sup> was unsealed today against Roy G. Davila and Felix Davila, charging Roy Davila with manufacturing fraudulent identification documents, extortion, and aggravated identity theft, and charging Felix Davila with making false statements to federal agents, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. A separate indictment charges Rafael de la Rosa Duran with identity fraud, selling social security cards, and aggravated identity theft.

Roy Davila is charged with using his position as an official with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (“PennDOT”) to obtain cash payments in exchange for the issuance of identification cards. Felix Davila is charged with lying about his role in his brother’s (Roy Davila) criminal activity.

Duran is charged with selling social security cards and birth certificates between April and July 2010.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Roy G. Davila	Philadelphia, PA	49
Felix Davila	Philadelphia, PA	35
Rafael de la Rosa Duran	Philadelphia, PA	40

If convicted of all charges, Felix Davila faces a maximum possible sentence of five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000; Roy Davila faces a maximum possible sentence of 37 years in prison and a fine of up to \$750,000; Duran faces a maximum possible sentence of 85 years in prison and a fine of up to \$3 million.

The case is part of “Operation Blind Spot,” an initiative run by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The long-term investigation has focused on corruption at PennDOT and the use of fraudulent documents to obtain fraudulent driver’s licenses and identification

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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documents for illegal aliens, foreign nationals, and others. The investigation has resulted in the arrest of more than 25 defendants, including four PennDOT officials, as well as driving school operators, interpreters, and document manufacturers and distributors. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard J. Zack.

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