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NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA – Jenri Lugo-Vargas was charged today in a two count Indictment¹ with passport fraud and falsely claiming to be a United States citizen, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. According to the Indictment, Lugo-Vargas, an alien and a native and citizen of the Dominican Republic, falsely represented his identity in an application for an United States passport. Lugo-Vargas falsely stated that his name was “V.L.E.A.,” born in Puerto Rico and thus a United States citizen, that his date of birth was November 17, 1976, and that his Social Security Number ended in the digits 8794. He also used the name and identifying information of “V.L.E.A.” during and in relation to the passport fraud.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Jenri Lugo-Vargas	Philadelphia, PA	39 years old

If convicted of the offenses, Lugo-Vargas faces a total maximum sentence of 13 years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, three years supervised release, and a \$200 special assessment.

This case was investigated by the United States State Department Diplomatic Security Service. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Linwood C. Wright, Jr.

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