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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Zane David Memeger announced the filing of an indictment¹ against Jose De La Cruz-Gutierrez, a/k/a "Victor Tavares," a/k/a "Jose Manuel," charging him with one count of illegal reentry after deportation. The indictment alleges that on or about February 17, 2011, De La Cruz-Gutierrez, an alien, and native and citizen of the Dominican Republic, was found in the United States after having been deported from the United States on or about May 2, 1995.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	YEAR OF BIRTH
Jose De La Cruz-Gutierrez	Philadelphia, PA	1972

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of twenty years imprisonment, a three-year term of supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joan E. Burnes.

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