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Benefit and Document Fraud:

January 18, 2018 – <u>US, ICE Seek Denaturalization of Former Bosnian Paramilitary Member Who</u> <u>Allegedly Lied to Obtain US Citizenship</u>; Immigration and Customs Enforcement (Cedar Rapids, IA)

January 23, 2018- <u>La Vista Man Has Citizenship Revoked after Conviction for Obtaining Citizenship</u> by Fraud; U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Nebraska (La Vista, NE)

January 23, 2018 – <u>Ghanaian National Convicted by Federal Jury of Unlawful Attempted</u> <u>Procurement of Citizenship: Defendant Entered into False Marriage to Obtain US Citizenship</u>; U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts (Boston, MA)

January 24, 2018- U.S. Citizen Pleads Guilty to Passport and Citizenship Fraud; U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Florida (Tampa, FL)

January 24, 2018- <u>Aliens Indicted on Misuse of a Social Security Account Number, False Claim of</u> <u>United States Citizenship, Aggravated Identity Theft, Fraud and Misuse of Visas, Permits, and Other</u> <u>Documents, and Illegal and Unlawful Alien in Possession of a Firearm</u>; U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of North Carolina (Raleigh, NC)

January 30, 2018- <u>Worcester Man Charged with Marriage Fraud</u>; U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts (Boston, MA)

January 31, 2018 – <u>Social Security Administration Employee Found Guilty of Conspiring to Commit</u> <u>Immigration Fraud and Falsifying Government Records</u>; U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of California (Sacramento, CA)

February 1, 2018- <u>Owner, Gire Roofing, Inc., Guilty of Visa Fraud, Harboring Illegal Aliens</u>; U.S. Attorney's Office, Central District of IL (Springfield, IL)

February 1, 2018 – <u>Owner of Information Technology Companies Admits Visa Fraud and Tax Crimes</u>; U.S. Attorney's Office, District of New Jersey (Newark, NJ)

February 8, 2018 – <u>Three Individuals Indicted for Visa Fraud Scheme for Profit</u>; U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York (Brooklyn, NY)

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February 9, 2018 – <u>Former Top Official with Guatemalan National Police Arrested on Visa Charge for</u> <u>Allegedly Failing to Disclose Murder Charges</u>; U.S. Attorney's Office, Central District of California (Los Angeles, CA)

Immigration-Related Scams:

January 24, 2018 – <u>Florida Men Posing as Lawyers Scammed Immigrants</u>, Oregon's AG Says; The Oregonian (Portland, OR)

February 05, 2018- <u>Da Vance: Paralegal Who Stole from Immigration Clients Pleads Guilty</u>; New York County District Attorney's Office (New York, NY)

See also February 7, 2018- <u>Ex-Paralegal Pleads Guilty to Stealing Immigration Fees</u>; Law 360 (New York, NY)

Related News:

January 11, 2018 – For Immigrants, Reporting Fraud May Be Scarier than Ever; WNYC (New York, NY)

January 26, 2018 – <u>Ex-ICE Agent Admits Taking Bribes from Immigrants' Atty</u>; Law 360 (Detroit, MI)

See also May 2, 2017 – <u>Disbarred Attorney Gets 3 Years for Immigrant Fraud</u>; Law 360 (Detroit, MI)

January 31, 2018 – <u>US Immigration Agency to Review Newest Asylum Cases First in Bid to Deter</u> <u>Asylum Fraud</u>; Reuters (Washington, DC)

See also <u>USCIS to Take Action to Address Asylum Backlog</u>; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (Washington, DC)

February 1, 2018 – <u>USCIS is Strengthening Screening for Family Members Abroad Seeking to Join</u> <u>Refugees in the United States</u>; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (Washington, DC)

February 7, 2018 – <u>72 Percent of Asian-American Elders, Their Families Targeted by Fraud: Report;</u> Huffington Post

Mark Your Calendars: February 13, 2018 – <u>Federal Trade Commission, Fighting Consumer Fraud and</u> <u>Identity Theft in New York Webinar</u>; Federal Trade Commission (New York, NY)



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Resources:

EOIR/DHS List of Currently Disciplined Practitioners

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