

## Executive Office for Immigration Review's (EOIR) Fraud and Abuse Prevention Program April 2018 Immigration Fraud Reading List

#### **Benefit and Document Fraud:**

March 8, 2018- Illegal Alien Sentenced for Trafficking in Counterfeit Identity Documents and Alleged Document Producer Arrested; U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Florida (Orlando, Florida)

March 9, 2018 – Former Stamford Resident Sentenced to Prison for Operating Extensive Immigration Fraud Scheme; U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Connecticut (Hartford, Connecticut)

March 9, 2018- United States Customs Officer Charged with Lying about Citizenship Relating To His Federal Employment; U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Arizona (Tucson, Arizona)

March 12, 2018- Guatemalan Man Sentenced for Immigration Fraud; U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of New York (Albany, New York)

March 9, 2018 - Muksedur Rahman, Md. Rifigul Islam and David Trung Quoc Phan Sentenced for Mail Fraud, Fraud in Foreign Labor Contracting, and Visa Fraud; U.S. Attorney's Office, Districts of Guam & the Northern Mariana Islands

March 19, 2018 – Orlando Man Arrested for Filing Fraudulent Immigration Petitions Resulting in Over 300 Temporary Workers Entering the United States; U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Florida (Orlando, FL)

March 22, 2018 - Government Contractor Who Took Bribes to Remove Immigrants' Ankle Monitors Gets Prison - Sun Sentinel; Sun Sentinel (Miami, FL)

March 27, 2018 – March Sentencings for Farooks in Immigration Fraud Case are Postponed; The Sun (San Bernardino, CA)

March 28, 2018 - Queens Immigration Attorney Charged with Asylum Fraud; U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York (New York, NY)

April 4, 2018 – Justice Department Seeks to Denaturalize Two Foreign-Convicted War Criminals Who Fraudulently Obtained Refugee Status and Naturalization Into U.S. Citizenship; U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Columbia (Washington, DC)

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April 12, 2018 – <u>Filipino Woman Pleads Guilty to Passport Fraud</u>; U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Maine (Bangor, Maine)

April 20, 2018 – <u>Substantial Support from USCIS Fraud Detection Unit Leads to Convictions in Two</u>
<u>Separate Immigration Fraud Cases</u>; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (Los Angeles, CA)

April 22, 2018 – <u>Ex-Liberian Warlord Living in U.S. Sentenced to 30 Years for Immigration Fraud;</u> United Press International (Philadelphia, PA)

April 26, 2018- <u>Boston-Area Restaurant Owner Charged with Naturalization Fraud</u>; U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts (Boston, MA)

### **Immigration-Related Scams:**

February 14, 2018- <u>AG Healey's Office Launches Campaign About Pervasive Illegal Immigration</u> <u>Law Practices</u>; Office of Attorney General, (Boston, MA)

February 27, 2018 – <u>Shoddy Legal Services Still Short NJ Immigrants, Advocates Say. Here's How to Avoid It;</u> App.com/USA Today (New Jersey)

March 2, 2018 – Texas Man Sentenced to Three Years in Prison for Defrauding Immigrants by Claiming He Could Provide Legal Status for Money; U.S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Washington (Seattle, WA)

March 9, 2018 – <u>USCIS Efforts Lead to Sentencing of Former Stamford Resident for Operating Extensive</u> Immigration Fraud Scheme, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services; (Hartford, Connecticut)

March 15, 2018 – <u>Indictment Alleges Florida Developer and Real Estate Attorney Scammed Foreign Investors</u>; U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Connecticut, (Connecticut)

April 20, 2018 – <u>Department of Consumer Affairs Settles Charges Against Egregious Immigration</u>
<u>Services Provider for Deceptive and Predatory Practices Targeting Immigrant New Yorkers;</u> NYC
Consumer Affairs (New York, NY)



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### **Related News:**

March 12, 2018 – <u>San Diego area ICE arrests of noncriminal immigrants led nation from October to December</u>; Los Angeles Times (Los Angeles, California)

March 14, 2018 – <u>More Immigration Staffers Charged in Fraud Case</u>; Compass Newsletter (Cayman Islands)

April 21, 2018 – <u>Firm Accused of Preying on Detained Immigrants Faces Widening Investigations</u>; Washington Post (Washington, DC)

April 27, 2018 – <u>USCIS to Begin Using More Secure Mail Delivery Service</u>; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (Washington, DC)

#### **Resources:**

**EOIR/DHS List of Currently Disciplined Practitioners** 

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