

## November 2014 Immigration Fraud Reading List

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### **Fraud Against Immigrants, Including the Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL):**

- **November 6, 2014** – Prosecutors: Man defrauded immigrants in DC, Md.  
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/nov/5/prosecutors-man-defrauded-immigrants-in-dc-md/>
- **October 23, 2014** – California company imported Indian workers, paid them \$1.21 an hour (Fremont, CA)  
<http://www.latimes.com/business/technology/la-fi-tn-this-california-company-imported-indian-workers-paid-them-121-an-hour-20141023-story.html>

### **Facilitators of Immigration Fraud:**

- **November 6, 2014** – ICE Deport Afghan Doctor with Ties to Terrorist Group (Philadelphia, PA)  
<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-deports-afghan-doctor-ties-terrorist-group>
- **November 4, 2014** – New York Men Sentenced For False Statements (Geneva, NY)  
<http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/town-of-tonawanda/two-men-sentenced-in-immigration-cases-20141104>
- **November 4, 2014** – Two Men Sentenced in Immigration Cases (Buffalo, NY)  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press\\_releases/2014/nov/Haresh\\_Patel.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press_releases/2014/nov/Haresh_Patel.html)
- **November 3, 2014** – CEO And President Of East Bay University Sentenced To 198 Months For Fraud Scheme (San Francisco, CA)  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/can/news/2014/2014\\_11\\_03\\_su.sentenced.press.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/can/news/2014/2014_11_03_su.sentenced.press.html)  
<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/former-bay-area-university-president-sentenced-more-16-years-prison-visa-fraud-scheme>
- **October 21, 2014** – Former Immigration Officer Who Took Bribes from Immigrants Sentenced to 51 Months in Federal Prison (Santa Ana, CA)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/cac/Pressroom/2014/137.html>
- **October 21, 2014** – Manhattan U.S. Attorney Announces Charges Against Two Individuals For Participating In Large-Scale Stolen Identity Refund Fraud Tax Scheme Involving In Excess Of 40,000 Stolen Identities (New York, NY)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/October14/LunaRodriguezChargesPR.php>

### **Fraud by Individuals (or Businesses) for Their Own Benefit:**

- **November 6, 2014** – Illegal Alien From Mexico Pleads Guilty in Iowa to passport fraud, Identity Theft, Harboring and Unlawfully Voting in a Federal Election (Cedar Rapids, IA)  
<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/illegal-alien-mexico-pleads-guilty-iowa-passport-fraud-identity-theft-harboring-and>
  
- **November 5, 2014** – Chicago-area Company Fined More than \$300,000 for hiring Illegal Workers (Chicago, IL)  
<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/chicago-area-company-fined-more-300000-hiring-illegal-workers>
  
- **November 5, 2014** – KC man pleads guilty to conspiracy to sell false ID documents to illegal aliens (Kansas, MO)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/mow/news2014/cabrera.ple.html>  
  
<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/mexican-man-pleads-guilty-missouri-conspiracy-sell-false-documents-illegal-aliens>
  
- **November 5, 2014** – Nigerian Convicted in Relation to “Butch” Ballow Fraud Scheme (Houston, TX)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/txs/1News/Releases/2014%20November/141105%20-%20Bonojo.html>
  
- **November 4, 2014** – Man charged in Raleigh fatal crash held phony green card, US says (Raleigh, NC)  
[http://www.newsobserver.com/2014/11/04/4292678\\_man-charged-in-raleigh-fatal-crash.html?sp=/99/102/110/113/&rh=1#storylink=cpy](http://www.newsobserver.com/2014/11/04/4292678_man-charged-in-raleigh-fatal-crash.html?sp=/99/102/110/113/&rh=1#storylink=cpy)
  
- November 4, 2014** – Man Sentenced For Fraudulent Use of U.S. Residency Card (Buffalo, NY)  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press\\_releases/2014/nov/Julio\\_Ceballo.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press_releases/2014/nov/Julio_Ceballo.html)
  
- **November 4, 2014** – Iowa Man From Rwanda Indicted for Naturalization Fraud (Cedar Rapids, IA)  
<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/iowa-man-rwanda-indicted-naturalization-fraud>
  
- **November 3, 2014** – Former Denver Woman is Sentenced to Federal Prison on Charges Related to Identity Theft (Denver, CO)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/co/news/2014/nov/11-3-14.html>  
  
<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/former-denver-woman-sentenced-12-months-federal-prison-tax-visa-and-social-security>
  
- November 3, 2014** – Rochester Woman Charged with Obtaining Passport Through Fraud (Rochester, NY)  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press\\_releases/2014/nov/Jennifer\\_Gilbert.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press_releases/2014/nov/Jennifer_Gilbert.html)
  
- **October 31, 2014** – New Haven Man Pleads Guilty to Marriage Fraud Scheme (New Haven, CT)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/ct/Press2014/20141031-1.html>

- **October 30, 2014** – Dual Kazakh-Israeli Citizen Extradited From Cyprus To United States To Face Fraud And Money Laundering Charges (Brooklyn, NY)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nye/pr/October14/2014Oct30c.php>

**October 30, 2014** – Two Charged with Selling Membership in Fake Indian Tribe (Brownsville, TX)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/txs/1News/Releases/2014%20Ocotber/141030%20-%20Reveles%20and%20Lerma.html>

- **October 29, 2014** – Citizen of Morocco Sentenced to 2 Years in Prison for Fabricating Refugee Application to Remain in U.S.

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/ct/Press2014/20141029-3.html>

**October 29, 2014** – Rochester Man Sentenced for Passport Fraud (Rochester, NY)

[http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press\\_releases/2014/oct/Leroy\\_Malcolm.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press_releases/2014/oct/Leroy_Malcolm.html)

- **October 28, 2014** -- Chelsea Man Pleads Guilty in Fraudulent Driver's License Scheme (Boston, MA)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/ma/news/2014/October/SanchezLeonelpleaPR.html>

- **October 27, 2014** – Lecanto Ophthalmologist Pleads Guilty To Visa Fraud (Tampa, FL)

[http://www.justice.gov/usao/flm/press/2014/Oct/20141027\\_Sanon.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/flm/press/2014/Oct/20141027_Sanon.html)

- **October 24, 2014** – Man pled guilty to making a false statement and aggravated identity theft (Auburn, NY)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyn/news/2057-4055-1999022720.pdf>

- **October 23, 2014** – Undocumented Aliens from Honduras Charged with Illegal Use of Social Security Numbers

[http://www.justice.gov/usao/lae/news/2014/2014\\_10\\_23\\_Rivera-Gonzalez\\_Munoz\\_Espinoza-Erazo\\_inds.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/lae/news/2014/2014_10_23_Rivera-Gonzalez_Munoz_Espinoza-Erazo_inds.html)

**October 23, 2014** – Dominican National Sentenced To 39 Months In Prison For Role In \$65 Million Stolen Identity Income Tax Refund Fraud Scheme (Newark, NJ)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nj/Press/files/Javier,%20Alejandro%20Sentencing%20PR.html>

**October 23, 2014** – Bulgarian National Sentenced to 30 Months in Prison for Role in Largest Identity Theft Ring of its time (Newark, NJ)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nj/Press/files/Kolarov,%20Aleksi%20Sentencing%20News%20Release.html>

**October 23, 2014** –Buffalo Woman Sentenced For Marriage Fraud (Buffalo, NY)

[http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press\\_releases/2014/oct/Pauline\\_Gichuri.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press_releases/2014/oct/Pauline_Gichuri.html)

- **October 20, 2014** – Fajita Grill Owners Sentenced for Hiring Undocumented Aliens and False Statements (Portland, ME)

[http://www.justice.gov/usao/me/news/20141020\\_fuentes\\_guillermo\\_fuentes\\_hector\\_sentenced.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/me/news/20141020_fuentes_guillermo_fuentes_hector_sentenced.html)

▪ **October 20, 2014** – Dominican National Sentenced for Aggravated Identity Theft (Boston, MA)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/ma/news/2014/October/DelaCruzRenatosentencingPR.html>

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/dominican-national-sentenced-aggravated-identity-theft>

▪ **October 20, 2014** – Anchorage Woman Sentenced For Passport And PDF Fraud (Anchorage, AK)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/ak/news/2014/October%202014/Maualuga%20Leaana.html>

▪ **October 16, 2014** – Final Defendant in Fraudulent Document Ring Sentenced to Nearly 5 Years (Richmond, VA)  
<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/final-defendant-fraudulent-document-ring-sentenced-nearly-5-years>

#### **Other Matters:**

**October 30, 2014** – Three Ft. Hood Soldiers Plead Guilty to Alien Smuggling (Brownsville, TX)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/txs/1News/Releases/2014%20Ocotber/141030%20-%20Rodriguez%20et%20al.html>

**October 30, 2014** – Convicted Terrorist Goes on Trial in Detroit for Immigration Fraud (Detroit, MI)  
<http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/barbara-hollingsworth/convicted-terrorist-goes-trial-detroit-immigration-fraud>

**October 30, 2014** – Minnesota Man Wants Immigration Fraud Case Tossed (Minneapolis, MN)  
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/oct/30/minn-man-wants-immigration-fraud-case-dismissed/>

**October 29, 2014** – Houston Woman Ordered to Prison for Alien Smuggling that Resulted in Death (Corpus Christi, TX)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/txs/1News/Releases/2014%20Ocotber/141029%20-%20Aguiar-Melgor.html>

▪ **October 23, 2014** – FTC Takes Action to Stop Phantom Debt Scam That Targeted Spanish-Speaking Consumers Nationwide  
<http://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2014/10/ftc-takes-action-stop-phantom-debt-scam-targeted-spanish-speaking>

**October 23, 2014** – Jury Convicts Brownsville Woman of Harboring Illegal Aliens (Brownsville, TX)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/txs/1News/Releases/2014%20Ocotber/141023%20-%20Gomez.html>

▪ **October 20, 2014** – Chinese Restaurant Owner Pleads Guilty To Harboring Foreign Workers (Kansas City, KS)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/ks/PressReleases/2014/Oct%202014/Oct20c.html>

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/chinese-restaurant-owner-kansas-pleads-guilty-harboring-illegal-workers>

- **October 16, 2014** – Two Haitian Men Sentenced to 57 Months in Prison for Alien Smuggling Conspiracy that Killed Eight (St. Thomas, US VI)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/vi/pressreleases/2014-10-16.html>

- **October 14, 2014** – Illegal Alien Sentenced for Using Deceased Boy's Identity (Houston, TX)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/txs/1News/Releases/2014%20October/141014%20-%20Duenas-Barajas.html>

- **October 10, 2014** –Oregon First Lady Admits Previously Undisclosed Green Card Marriage

<http://www.cnn.com/2014/10/10/politics/oregon-first-lady/>