

# July 2014 Immigration Fraud Reading List

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

- **July 14, 2014** - FTC Warns of Scams Against Immigrants (Santa Fe, NM)  
<http://www.1050talk.com/common/more.php?m=58&ts=1404930005&article=9B322811077E11E4B51EFEFDADE6840A&mode=2>
- **July 8, 2014** – *FTC Blog*: A new kind of low  
<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/new-kind-low>
- **June 26, 2014** - L.A.-Area ‘Notarios’ Indicted In Scheme That Filed Fraudulent ‘Green Card’ Applications And Cost Some Immigrants Their Life Savings (Los Angeles, CA)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/cac/Pressroom/2014/079.html>  
<http://www.presstelegram.com/general-news/20140626/el-monte-woman-pico-rivera-woman-accused-of-defrauding-immigrants>  
<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-green-card-scam-20140626-story.html>  
<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1406/140626losangeles.htm>
- **June 26, 2014** – A.G. Schneiderman Announces Arrest And Indictment Of Alleged Serial Fraudster (New York, NY)  
<http://www.ag.ny.gov/press-release/ag-schneiderman-announces-arrest-and-indictment-alleged-serial-fraudster>  
<http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news/ny-indicts-fraudster-who-allegedly-preyed-on-immigrants-062714.html>

## **Facilitators of Immigration Fraud:**

- **July 9, 2014** – Two Leaders of Sophisticated, Violent Fraudulent Document Ring Sentenced for Racketeering, Attempted Robbery, and Money Laundering (Richmond, VA)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/vae/news/2014/07/20140709sancheznr.html>
- **July 2, 2014** – International Employee Recruiter Sentenced To Two Years In Prison For Visa Fraud (Greenbelt, MD)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/md/news/2014/InternationalEmployeeRecruiterSentencedToTwoYearsInPrisonForVisaFraud.html>

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/man-gets-2-years-for-visa-fraud/2014/07/02/f17e77bc-0246-11e4-8bb2-6b921949ecfa\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/man-gets-2-years-for-visa-fraud/2014/07/02/f17e77bc-0246-11e4-8bb2-6b921949ecfa_story.html)

[http://www.thebaynet.com/news/index.cfm/fa/viewstory/story\\_ID/37976](http://www.thebaynet.com/news/index.cfm/fa/viewstory/story_ID/37976)

▪ **July 1, 2014** – U.S. Leader of Sophisticated, Violent Fraudulent Document Ring Sentenced To More Than 11 Years For Racketeering, Attempted Robbery, And Money Laundering (Richmond, VA)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/vae/news/2014/07/20140701floresnr.html>

<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1407/140701richmond.htm>

▪ **June 25, 2014** - California asylum fraud convictions upheld (San Francisco, CA)  
<http://www.ktvu.com/ap/ap/california/california-asylum-fraud-convictions-upheld/ngSZw/>

▪ **June 25, 2014** – Man gets prison term for human smuggling (Fort Lauderdale, FL)  
<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/broward/fort-lauderdale/fl-broward-alien-smuggling-sentence-20140619,0,332936.story>

▪ **June 16, 2014** – Brothers who own Mexican restaurants in Maine plead guilty to hiring illegal aliens, lying to federal investigators (Portland, ME)  
<http://bangordailynews.com/2014/06/16/news/state/brothers-who-own-mexican-restaurants-in-maine-plead-guilty-to-hiring-illegal-aliens-lying-to-federal-investigators/>

[http://www.keeptimecurrent.com/american\\_journal/news/restaurateurs-plead-guilty/article\\_2f8b873e-f7b6-11e3-b3cf-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.keeptimecurrent.com/american_journal/news/restaurateurs-plead-guilty/article_2f8b873e-f7b6-11e3-b3cf-0019bb2963f4.html)

<http://wagmtv.com/restaurant-owners-plead-guilty-to-hiring-illegals/>

▪ **June 16, 2014** – Myrtle Beach real estate agent to plead guilty to immigration fraud (Myrtle Beach, SC)  
<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/06/16/4294928/myrtle-beach-real-estate-agent.html?sp=/99/134/>

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/06/16/3166371/myrtle-beach-real-estate-agent.html>

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

▪ **July 14, 2014** – Passport fraud suspect found in Philippines (Las Vegas, NV)  
<http://www.8newsnow.com/story/26014669/passport-fraud-suspect-found-in-philippines>

▪ **July 9, 2014** – Former Georgia police officer sentenced for immigration fraud (Atlanta, GA)  
<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1407/140709atlanta.htm>

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/gan/press/2014/07-08-14.html>

<http://www.ajc.com/news/news/college-park-cop-gets-prison-time-for-immigration-/ngbct/>

<http://www.news-daily.com/news/2014/jul/10/ex-cop-headed-to-federal-prison/>

▪ **July 7, 2014** – Illegal Alien Convicted of Using Deceased Boy’s Identity (Houston, TX)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/txs/1News/Releases/2014%20July/140707%20-%20Duenas-Barajas.html>

▪ **July 2, 2014** - Overland Park residents charged with marriage fraud (Topeka, KS)  
<http://olatheedge.com/news/2014/07/02/8158-overland-park-residents-charged-with-marriage-fraud>  
<http://www.fbi.gov/kansascity/press-releases/2014/kansas-city-man-indicted-on-charge-of-robbing-credit-union-in-lawrence>

▪ **July 2, 2014** – Mexican man sentenced to 51 months for identity theft, possession of firearm (Philadelphia, PA)  
<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1407/140702philadelphia.htm>  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/pae/News/2014/July/GuzmanZavala\\_release.htm](http://www.justice.gov/usao/pae/News/2014/July/GuzmanZavala_release.htm)

▪ **June 27, 2014** – Manhattan U.S. Attorney Announces Guilty Plea Of New York State Assemblywoman To Citizenship And Bankruptcy Fraud Schemes (New York, NY)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/June14/gabrielarosaplea.php>  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/06/27/us-usa-newyork-corruption-idUSKBN0F22IN20140627>  
<http://nypost.com/2014/06/27/washington-heights-lawmaker-pleads-guilty-to-marriage-fraud/>

▪ **June 26, 2014** - Man sentenced on marriage fraud charge (Buffalo, NY)  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press\\_releases/2014/jun/Adil\\_Ala.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press_releases/2014/jun/Adil_Ala.html)  
<http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/former-cheektowaga-man-sentenced-in-immigration-case-20140626>

▪ **June 25, 2014** - Illegal Alien Convicted of Purchasing False ID (Boston, MA)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/ma/news/2014/June/DelaCruzRenatoconvictedPR.html>  
<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1406/140625boston.htm>

▪ **June 23, 2014** - Guatemalan Man Sentenced To 16 Months For Fraud (Portland, ME)  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/me/news/20140623\\_suhum\\_sergio\\_sentenced.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/me/news/20140623_suhum_sergio_sentenced.html)  
<http://portlanddailysun.me/index.php/newsx/courts-and-cops/12358-guatemalan-sentenced-for-impersonating-u-s-citizen>

#### **Other Matters:**

▪ **July 8, 2014** - New technology helping to fight immigration and visa fraud in Australia  
<http://www.australiaforum.com/information/immigration/new-technology-helping-to-fight-immigration-and-visa-fraud-in-australia.html>

- **July 1, 2014** – *Matter of P-S-H-*, 26 I&N Dec. 329 (2014)  
<http://www.justice.gov/eoir/vll/intdec/vol26/3805.pdf>
- **June 26, 2014** - Job protections extend to immigrants using false ID, court rules (San Francisco, CA)  
<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-job-protections-illegal-immigrants-20140626-story.html>
- **June 26, 2014** - NYC council approves ID program for immigrants who entered illegally (New York, NY)  
<http://www.newsday.com/news/new-york/nyc-council-approves-id-program-for-immigrants-who-entered-illegally-others-1.8581126>
- **June 16, 2014** - Leader of Armenian Alien Smuggling Ring Arraigned on Federal Charges (San Diego, CA)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/cas/press/2014/cas14-0616-Chatlayan.html>