

# October 2014 Immigration Fraud Reading List

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

- **October 1, 2014** – Silver Spring man pleads guilty to immigration fraud (Rockville, MD)  
<http://www.gazette.net/article/20141001/NEWS/141009722/silver-spring-man-pleads-guilty-to-immigration-fraud&template=gazette>
- **October 1, 2014** – Couple in South Dakota scammed out of \$22,000 (Sioux Falls, SD)  
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/oct/1/couple-in-south-dakota-scammed-out-of-22000/#!>  
[http://www.kdlt.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=38790&Itemid=57](http://www.kdlt.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=38790&Itemid=57)
- **September 23, 2014** – Intelligence Officer At Southern Command Charged With Accepting A Bribe And Helping Steal Drug Proceeds (Miami, FL)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/fls/PressReleases/140923-02.html>  
<http://www.fbi.gov/miami/press-releases/2014/intelligence-officer-at-southern-command-charged-with-accepting-a-bribe-and-helping-steal-drug-proceeds>
- **September 3, 2014** – Immigration lawyer charged with investment fraud (Santa Ana, CA)  
<http://newsok.com/immigration-lawyer-charged-with-investment-fraud/article/feed/730656>  
<http://www.thinkadvisor.com/2014/09/04/sec-charges-immigration-attorneys-with-bilking-for>  
<http://www.sec.gov/litigation/litreleases/2014/lr23077.htm>
- **August 27, 2014** – Chicago Man Allegedly Exploited U.S. Visa Program To Defraud Chinese Investors Of \$160 Million In Purported O'Hare Complex (Chicago, IL)  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/iln/pr/chicago/2014/pr0827\\_02.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/iln/pr/chicago/2014/pr0827_02.html)  
<http://www.fbi.gov/chicago/press-releases/2014/chicago-man-allegedly-exploited-u.s.-visa-program-to-defraud-chinese-investors-of-160-million-in-purported-ohare-complex>  
<http://fortune.com/2014/08/27/eb-5-promoter-indicted/>
- **August 19, 2014** – Lawmakers target immigrant driver's license scams (Sacramento, CA)  
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/aug/19/lawmakers-target-immigrant-drivers-license-scams/#>

- **August 8, 2014** – Houma Interpreter, Trina Marie Bourg, Indicted For Wire Fraud (New Orleans, LA)  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/lae/news/2014/2014\\_08\\_08\\_Trina\\_Marie\\_Bourg\\_ind.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/lae/news/2014/2014_08_08_Trina_Marie_Bourg_ind.html)

#### Facilitators of Immigration Fraud:

- **October 10, 2014** – Oregon governor's fiancée admits to sham marriage (Portland, OR)  
<http://www.chron.com/news/crime/article/Oregon-governor-s-fiancee-admits-to-sham-marriage-5812809.php>

<http://onpolitics.usatoday.com/2014/10/09/oregon-first-lady-marriage-kitzhaber/>

<http://www.katu.com/politics/John-Kitzhaber-fiancee-Cyliva-Hayes-I-made-a-serious-illegal-act-17-years-ago-278732701.html>

- **October 7, 2014** – Woman pleads guilty to smuggling Cuban migrants (Miami, FL)  
<http://www.chron.com/news/crime/article/Woman-pleads-guilty-to-smuggling-Cuban-migrants-5805639.php>

- **October 7, 2014** - Manhattan Woman Pleads Guilty In Marriage Fraud Scheme (Topeka, KS)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/ks/PressReleases/2014/Oct%202014/Oct7a.html>

<http://www.chron.com/news/crime/article/Kansas-woman-pleads-guilty-in-marriage-fraud-case-5808239.php>

- **October 7, 2014** – Two from Chesapeake charged with making phony documents (Norfolk, VA)  
<http://hamptonroads.com/2014/10/two-chesapeake-charged-making-phony-documents>

<http://wavy.com/2014/10/08/two-arrested-after-homeland-security-raid-in-chesapeake/>

- **September 26, 2014** – Woman in CW1 scam gets 8-month home confinement (Saipan, GU)  
<http://www.saipantribune.com/index.php/woman-cw1-scam-gets-8-month-home-confinement/>

<http://www.mvariety.com/cnmi/cnmi-news/local/69469-judge-carter-recommends-deportation-of-woman-in-fake-cw-1-case>

- **September 24, 2014** – Foreign national pleads guilty to smuggling undocumented Africans Into US (Washington, DC)  
<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1409/140924washingtondc2.htm>

<http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/59940/>

- **September 23, 2014** – Suburban Immigration Attorney and Interpreter Indicted and Arrested for Allegedly Falsifying Clients' Asylum Requests (Chicago, IL)  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/iln/pr/chicago/2014/pr0923\\_01.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/iln/pr/chicago/2014/pr0923_01.html)

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1409/140923chicago.htm>

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20140923/news/140929388/>

<http://cnsnews.com/news/article/barbara-hollingsworth/immigration-lawyer-indicted-11-years-after-iraqi-client-admitte-0>

▪ **September 19, 2014** – [James Hector] Alcala Pleads Guilty To Two Charges In Visa Fraud Case; Sentenced To 56 Months In Federal Prison (Salt Lake City, UT)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/ut/news/2014/09-19.html>

▪ **September 17, 2014** - Former Contract Employee For U.S. Citizenship And Immigration Services Sentenced To 26 Months In Prison For Theft, Sale Of Forms (Newark, NJ)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nj/Press/files/Trejo,%20Martin%20Sentencing%20News%20Release.html>

<http://cliffviewpilot.com/california-man-gets-26-months-federal-time-in-bergen-based-illegal-drivers-license-scam/>

▪ **September 17, 2014** – Fort Worth man accused of selling fake identification documents (Dallas, TX)  
<http://crimeblog.dallasnews.com/2014/09/fort-worth-man-accused-of-selling-fake-identification-documents.html/>

▪ **September 15, 2014** – Liberty Man Pleads Guilty To Conspiracy To Sell False ID Documents To Illegal Aliens (Kansas City, MO)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/mow/news2014/mujica.ple.html>

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1409/140915kansascity.htm>

<http://www.kansascity.com/news/local/crime/article2118581.html>

▪ **September 10, 2014** – Disgraced deacon gets probation for immigrant fraud scheme (New York, NY)  
<http://nypost.com/2014/09/10/disgraced-deacon-gets-probation-for-immigrant-fraud-scheme/>

▪ **August 20, 2014** – Former Department Of Public Safety Employee And Co-Conspirators Plead Guilty To Identity Theft Charges  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/mss/press/August2014/Perkins.html>

<http://www.wapt.com/news/mississippi/2-exstate-workers-plead-guilty-to-id-theft-charge/27659300>

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

▪ **October 8, 2014** – Prosecutors Seek Max Sentence In Connecticut RC Plane Attack Plot (New Haven, CT)  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/10/08/attack-plot-harvard-el-mehdi-semlali-fathi\\_n\\_5951274.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/10/08/attack-plot-harvard-el-mehdi-semlali-fathi_n_5951274.html)

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/nation-world/article2568032.html>

- **October 8, 2014** – Woman From Dominican Republic Convicted Of Using Phony Passport To Re-Enter United States (Newark, NJ)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nj/Press/files/DeJesus%20Concepcion,%20Angela%20Verdict%20News%20Release.html>
  
- **October 7, 2014** – Wife of man charged in spy case sentenced for immigration fraud (West Palm Beach, FL)  
<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/palm-beach/fl-sentencing-spy-link-20141007-story.html>
  
- **October 3, 2014** - Romanian Man Sentenced For Wire Fraud And Possession Of False Identity Documents (Orlando, FL)  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/flm/press/2014/Oct/20141003\\_Kulscar.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/flm/press/2014/Oct/20141003_Kulscar.html)
  
- **October 3, 2014** - ANDRES VILLALVA-GUADARRAMA PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT FOR ILLEGALLY (sic) USE OF A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (New Orleans, LA)  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/lae/news/2014/2014\\_10\\_03\\_Andres\\_Villalva-Guadarrama\\_plea.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/lae/news/2014/2014_10_03_Andres_Villalva-Guadarrama_plea.html)
  
- **October 3, 2014** – Hondurans arrested on charges of obtaining false U.S. documents that belonged to Puerto Ricans (Miami, FL)  
<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/crime/article2497653.html>
  
- **October 3, 2014** - Former New York State Assemblywoman Sentenced In Manhattan Federal Court For Citizenship And Bankruptcy Fraud Schemes (New York, NY)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/October14/GabrielaRosaSentencing.php>  
  
<http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Ex-NY-State-Assemblywoman-Sentenced-Prison-Sham-Marriage-Dominican-Republic-Green-Card-278053151.html>
  
- **September 29, 2014** - Man Using False Identity Sentenced To 27 Years In Prison On International Sex Trafficking (Miami, FL)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/fls/PressReleases/140929-03.html>  
  
<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1409/140930miami.htm>
  
- **September 25, 2014** – Moldovan National Pleads Guilty To Passport Fraud (Rochester, NY)  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press\\_releases/2014/sep/Vasile\\_Leu.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press_releases/2014/sep/Vasile_Leu.html)  
  
<http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2014/09/25/man-faces-years-fake-passport/16231079/>
  
- **September 24, 2014** – New Mexico Man Charged In Passport Fraud Investigation (Des Moines, IA)  
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/ias/news/2014/Stammer%20-%20Indictment%209-24-2014.html>
  
- **September 23, 2014** - Orchard Park Motel Owners Sentenced For Immigration Offenses (Buffalo, NY)  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press\\_releases/2014/sep/Motel\\_Owners.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press_releases/2014/sep/Motel_Owners.html)  
  
<http://www.buffalonews.com/city-region/orchard-park-motel-owners-spared-jail-on-immigration-charges-20140923>

▪ **September 22, 2014** – Five 7-Eleven Franchisees And Operators Plead Guilty To Multi-State Scheme Involving The Employment And Victimization Of Alien Employees (Brooklyn, NY)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/nye/pr/September14/2014Sep22.php>

<http://www.27east.com/news/article.cfm/Sag-Harbor/81311/7-Eleven-Store-Owners-Plead-Guilty-To-Wire-Fraud-Harboring-And-Employing-Illegal-Immigrants-In-Multi-State-Scheme>

▪ **September 19, 2014** – Previously Deported Mexican National Pleads Guilty To Aggravated ID Theft And Drug And Firearms Offenses (Sacramento, CA)

[http://www.justice.gov/usao/cae/news/docs/2014/2014\\_09/09-19-14Huerta.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/cae/news/docs/2014/2014_09/09-19-14Huerta.html)

▪ **September 19, 2014** - Afghanistan citizen admits to immigration fraud, immediate deportation ordered (Philadelphia, PA)

<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1409/140919philadelphia.htm>

[http://www.justice.gov/usao/pae/News/2014/September/dawari\\_release.htm](http://www.justice.gov/usao/pae/News/2014/September/dawari_release.htm)

▪ **September 12, 2014** – Broward Realtor Charged with Making False Statements (Miami, FL)

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/fls/PressReleases/140912-04.html>

[http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-09-15/news/fl-fraud-realtor-broward-20140915\\_1\\_mortgage-application-u-s-citizen-prosecutors](http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2014-09-15/news/fl-fraud-realtor-broward-20140915_1_mortgage-application-u-s-citizen-prosecutors)

▪ **September 10, 2014**- Jamaican Man Sentenced for Passport Fraud (Rochester, NY)

[http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press\\_releases/2014/sep/Kahni\\_Lobban.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/nyw/press/press_releases/2014/sep/Kahni_Lobban.html)

▪ **September 4, 2014** - New Jersey Man Pleads Guilty To Operating Fraudulent Visa And Payroll Scheme To Facilitate Illegal Immigration (Newark, NJ)

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2014/September/14-crm-936.html>

[http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2014/09/edison\\_man\\_admits\\_scheme\\_to\\_secure\\_visas\\_for\\_indian\\_nationals.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2014/09/edison_man_admits_scheme_to_secure_visas_for_indian_nationals.html)

[http://www.nj.com/middlesex/index.ssf/2014/09/edison\\_man\\_who\\_ran\\_for\\_council\\_on\\_former\\_mayors\\_ticket\\_admits\\_visa\\_fraud\\_scheme.html](http://www.nj.com/middlesex/index.ssf/2014/09/edison_man_who_ran_for_council_on_former_mayors_ticket_admits_visa_fraud_scheme.html)

[http://em.gmnews.com/news/2014-09-11/Front\\_Page/Resident\\_admits\\_to\\_fraud\\_in\\_immigration\\_scheme.html](http://em.gmnews.com/news/2014-09-11/Front_Page/Resident_admits_to_fraud_in_immigration_scheme.html)

#### **Other Matters:**

▪ **October 6, 2014** - New E-Verify Service Combats Fraud, Protects Identity, Educates Workers (Washington, DC)

<http://www.uscis.gov/news/new-e-verify-service-combats-fraud-protects-identity-educates-workers>

- **October 3, 2014** – Border Patrol agent allegedly concealed immigrants, authorities say (Laredo, TX)  
<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/10/03/border-patrol-agent-allegedly-concealed-immigrants-authorities-say/>
  
- **October 2, 2014** – Advocates Warn Local Immigrants To Beware Of Notario Fraud (Philadelphia, PA)  
<http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2014/10/02/advocates-warn-local-immigrants-to-beware-of-notario-fraud/>
  
- **September 24, 2014** – ICE arrests 19 fugitives across US during “Operation No Safe Haven” (Washington, DC)  
<http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1409/140924washingtondc.htm>  
<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1409/140924newyork.htm>  
<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-ice-arrests-foreign-nationals-human-rights-20140924-story.html>  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/09/24/us-usa-immigration-warcrimes-idUSKCN0HJ23220140924>
  
- **September 22, 2014** - Round Rock Business and Management Indicted For Allegedly Employing Undocumented Aliens (San Antonio, TX)  
[http://www.justice.gov/usao/txw/news/2014/CORTEC\\_Corrales\\_et\\_al\\_indictment\\_AUS.html](http://www.justice.gov/usao/txw/news/2014/CORTEC_Corrales_et_al_indictment_AUS.html)
  
- **September 19, 2014** – IG says visa security can’t be verified (Washington, DC)  
[http://washingtonexaminer.com/ig-says-visa-security-cant-be-verified/article/2553685?custom\\_click=rss](http://washingtonexaminer.com/ig-says-visa-security-cant-be-verified/article/2553685?custom_click=rss)
  
- **September 17, 2014** – New York cracks down on businesses that defraud immigrants (New York, NY)  
<http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/2014/9/17/immigration-servicefraudnewyork.html>  
<http://www.legislativegazette.com/Articles-Top-Stories-c-2014-09-22-89275.113122-DOS-launches-efforts-to-protect-new-immigrants-from-fraud.html>
  
- **September 10, 2014** – Utah luxury hotel chain forfeits nearly \$2 million for hiring illegal workers (Salt Lake City, UT)  
<https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1409/140910saltlakecity.htm>  
<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/58398036-78/america-hotel-grand-workers.html.csp>  
<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=31505075>
  
- **September 1, 2014** – Lost in America; Visa Program Struggles to Track Missing Foreign Students  
<http://media.bulletinintelligence.com/playclip.aspx?clipid=8d1943082ca7ae6&pub=eoir> (video)  
<http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/visa-program-struggles-track-missing-foreign-students/story?id=25208740>

[http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/sep/2/6000-foreign-nationals-who-overstayed-student-visa/?utm\\_source=RSS\\_Feed&utm\\_medium=RSS#](http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/sep/2/6000-foreign-nationals-who-overstayed-student-visa/?utm_source=RSS_Feed&utm_medium=RSS#)!

▪ **August 26, 2014** – COMMENTARY: ‘Notarios’ are not attorneys (McAllen, TX)

[http://www.themonitor.com/opinion/commentary-notarios-are-not-attorneys/article\\_921d9fb8-2cb8-11e4-8de3-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.themonitor.com/opinion/commentary-notarios-are-not-attorneys/article_921d9fb8-2cb8-11e4-8de3-001a4bcf6878.html)