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Illegal Alien Sentenced to 51 months for Identity Theft, False Statement and Possession of a Firearm

Juan Pedro Guzman-Zavala, a/k/a Alvaro Julio Luna, 28 of Reading, PA was sentenced today to 51 months in Prison, a \$2000 fine, and \$300 Special Assessment. Guzman-Zavala was convicted by a jury on March 13, 2014 of Alien in Possession of a Firearm. The defendant elected to go to trial on that charge after pleading guilty to Aggravated Identity Theft and False Statement in Passport Application. Guzman-Zavala, a native and citizen of Mexico who is unlawfully present in the United States, assumed the identity of a United States Citizen and applied for a United States Passport in that name. Guzman-Zavala also possessed a 9mm handgun despite the prohibition against illegal aliens possessing firearms.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Detective Bureau of the Berks County District Attorney's Office and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jeanine Linehan.

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