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**TWO MEXICAN NATIONALS PLEAD GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY
TO COMMIT IDENTIFICATION FRAUD**

Lafayette, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Jose Pascacio (aka Angel Perez, aka Jose Luis Gil Pascacio, aka Jose Luis A Gil Pascacio) and Juan Carillo (aka Jose Martinez, aka Juan Cruz Carillo, aka Sergio Cervantes-Vasquez) pled guilty today in federal court, to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Fraud and Related Activity in Connection with Identification Documents. Additionally, Juan Carillo pled guilty to one count of Illegal Re-entry of a Removed Alien. The guilty pleas were accepted by U. S. Magistrate Judge Patrick C. Hanna, in connection with an investigation conducted by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) into a fraudulent document organization.

HSI agents began the investigation after receiving information that Juan Carillo and Jose Pascacio were selling fraudulent identification documents. During the investigation, HSI Agents made several controlled purchases of fraudulent Social Security cards and Lawful Permanent Resident cards.

On January 18, 2012, HSI Agents executed a search warrant at the residence of Carillo and Pascacio in Duson, La. During the search, agents located items, including completed fraudulent Lawful Permanent Cards and Social Security cards, a computer, several digital cameras and cellular telephones, two printers, blank card stock used in the creation of false Lawful Permanent Resident cards, blank stock paper similar to that used to create fraudulent Social Security cards, a laminator, large paper cutters and other items indicative of an operation for production false documents. Both defendants were arrested pursuant to arrest warrants related to the investigation.

The investigation also revealed that Carillo and Pascacio were Mexican Nationals illegally present in the United States, and that Carillo had been previously removed from the United States on three prior occasions.

As part of the plea agreement, both defendants agreed to forfeit to the United States all property used or traceable to the document fraud activity. The property included the items previously mentioned to commit document fraud, \$3,554 in U.S. currency, and two vehicles, a Ford Ranger and a Dodge Ram.

Both defendants face a maximum term of 15 years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 for the Conspiracy to Commit Document Fraud. Additionally, Juan Carillo faces a maximum term of imprisonment of two years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 for the Illegal Re-entry of a Removed Alien count. Sentencing in this matter will be set at a later date.

The investigation was led by Special Agent Scott Woodrow of the Homeland Security Investigations. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Daniel J. McCoy.

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