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**WOMAN WHO AIDED OVER 400 ILLEGAL ALIENS  
IN OBTAINING LA IDENTIFICATION CARDS  
IS SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT**

**Lafayette, La.:** United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that Holly Calva, 41, of Houma, La., was sentenced to 33 months in prison and one year of supervised release for harboring aliens. U.S. District Judge Elizabeth E. Foote sentenced Calva today in federal court in Lafayette, La.

Calva pleaded guilty in February of 2012 and admitted that from approximately March of 2008 through December of 2009, she assisted over 400 people in obtaining Louisiana identification cards. In order to obtain an identification card, an individual needs a document to prove Louisiana residency. Individuals in need of documents would contact Calva by phone and she would instruct them to meet her at a McDonald's in Morgan City. She also instructed them to bring whatever identification documents that they had. Once she received payment of \$400.00, Calva would provide the illegal alien with proof of residency, which usually was her address in Houma, La. She would then follow the individual to the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) where she assisted and served as a Spanish translator for each person.

At the plea hearing, Calva acknowledged that she lied when she told OMV employees that she worked for a company that brought in seasonal workers and told them that the address provided on the documents was a large bunkhouse which could accommodate many workers. OMV records show that approximately 400 people provided her address in Houma, La. as their residence.

The case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James T. McManus.

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