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## **NIGERIAN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES AFTER BEING DEPORTED**

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Segun Adewale Adeonigbagbe, 46, of Nigeria, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny, to attempting to re-enter the United States after being deported following his conviction on an aggravated felony. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael DiGiacomo who is handling the case, stated that on March 11, 2011, the defendant applied for admission into the United States at the Peace Bridge Port of Entry. A United States Customs and Border Protection database query and biometric finger print scan revealed Adeonigbagbe was previously convicted in the United States in 1998 for uttering forged instruments. A further records check revealed the defendant was subsequently deported from the United States back to Nigeria in 1999.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part Officers from United States Customs and Border Protection under the direction of James T. Engleman, Director of Field Operations.

Sentencing is scheduled for November 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Buffalo, N.Y., before Judge Skretny.