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VICTOR MAN SENTENCED ON WEAPONS AND AGGRAVATED ID THEFT CHARGES

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Rey Anthony Anderson, 34, of Victor, N.Y., who was convicted of possession of a firearm by an alien unlawfully in the United States, making a false claim to United States Citizenship, and aggravated identity theft, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge David Larimer to 30 months in prison. The defendant will be turned over to immigration authorities for deportation proceedings following his incarceration.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig R. Gestring, who handled the case, stated that in April 2011, the defendant's wife called the Ontario County Sheriff's Department to report a domestic disturbance. During the course of the investigation, deputies seized two long guns from Anderson's home including a Mossberg 12 gauge Model 500 shotgun, and a Ruger SR22RSC rifle. Both weapons contained tactical rail attachments, flashlights, and advanced scopes.

Anderson also had two New York State Drivers Licenses, a social security card and a District of Columbia certificate of birth in his possession at the time of arrest. The drivers licenses were in different names, but each contained a picture of Anderson. The investigation determined that the defendant was in fact a Jamaican National who was unlawfully in the United States. Anderson had obtained and used someone else's birth certificate and social security card in order to create a new false identity. At one point in the scheme, the defendant submitted a petition to the Supreme Court of the State of New York in the County of Monroe to change one of his alias names to match that of a name belonging to a real United States Citizen in effect, laundering his false identity.

The Court granted the order changing the defendant's name, and he then used these documents to obtain a false New York State Enhanced Driver's License. An Enhanced

Driver's License (EDL) is a photographic identification document issued by the State of New York which complies with the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. This identification document functions as primary proof of United States Citizenship, and can be used to enter the United States at certain border crossings from Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean, including Jamaica. In order to obtain an EDL, a person must apply in person at a Motor Vehicle office and provide both proof of identity and proof of United States Citizenship.

Investigators learned that the defendant also falsely claimed United States Citizenship when he purchased both rifles from local gun stores. In addition, he unsuccessfully applied for a United States Passport in one of his alias names. However, the State Department became suspicious of the material submitted with his application and did not issue a Passport.

The sentencing is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of Special Agent In Charge James C. Spero, Special Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives under the direction of Scott Heagney, Resident Agent in Charge, and Deputies from the Ontario County Sheriff's Department, under the direction of Sheriff Philip C. Povero.

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