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NIGERIAN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO IMMIGRATION OFFENSE

BUFFALO, N.Y.-- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Daniel Nkenchor Iduwe, 50, originally from Nigeria, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Richard J. Arcara, to attempting to re-enter the United States after having previously been deported. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000 or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Gretchen L. Wylegala, who handled the case, stated that the defendant attempted to enter into the United States from Canada in November 2011. Iduwe was using a Canadian passport he had obtained in the name of Daniel Osahon. Further border inspection revealed that he had been deported in 2002 from the United States under the name Daniel Nkenchor Iduwe, following felony convictions in the United States in the mid 1980s.

The plea is the culmination of an investigation on the part of United States Customs and Border Protection, under the direction of Randy J. Howe, Acting Port Director.

Sentencing is scheduled for August 23, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. in Buffalo, N.Y., before Judge Arcara .

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