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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ALIEN SMUGGLING

BUFFALO, N.Y.—U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Bangani Ndlovu, 30, of Ontario, Canada, pleaded guilty before United States Magistrate Judge Hugh B. Scott to alien smuggling. The charge carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison, a fine of \$100,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marie P. Grisant, who handled the case, stated that the defendant drove a vehicle into the U.S. with an alien secreted in the trunk of his vehicle.

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

Sentencing is scheduled for November 21, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. EST, in Buffalo, N.Y., before Judge Scott.

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