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## **NIGERIAN WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTED ILLEGAL REENTRY FOLLOWING FELONY CONVICTION**

BUFFALO, N.Y.--U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Omoyemi Omolewa, 44, of Nigeria, pleaded guilty to attempting to entering the United States after deportation subsequent to a conviction for an aggravated felony before Magistrate Judge Leslie G. Foschio. The charge carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen A. Lynch, who is handling the case, stated that the defendant attempted to enter the United States on August 15, 2012, at the Peace Bridge. Omolewa presented a Canadian passport and applied for admission to the United States. Initially, the defendant refused to be fingerprinted and denied ever having been to the United States. After U.S. Immigration officers took her fingerprints, they discovered that they were a match for the defendant, who had been previously been convicted of conspiracy with intent to possess and distribute heroin in the Northern District of Illinois. She was sentenced to 43 months in that case.

The plea is the result of an investigation by Customs and Border Protection, under the direction of James Engleman, Director of Field Operations.

A Report and Recommendation to accept the plea was issued by Magistrate Judge Foschio. Sentencing will be scheduled by Chief Judge U.S. District Court Judge William M. Skretny.

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