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## **TONAWANDA MAN ARRESTED FOR USE OF FRAUDULENT IMMIGRATION DOCUMENT**

BUFFALO, N.Y. -- U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr. announced today that Zeljko Savija, 47, of Tonawanda, N.Y., was arrested and charged by Criminal Complaint with using a fraudulent immigration document. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert C. Moscati, who is handling the case, stated that on January 4, 2010, Savija re-entered the United States from Canada at the Peace Bridge and presented a Lawful Permanent Resident Alien Registration Receipt Card, or "Green Card." According to the Complaint, Savija obtained the Green Card by making false statements in the application process. The Government alleges that Savija failed to disclose certain military service in the armed forces of the former Republic of Yugoslavia and subsequently received a Green Card granting him lawful permanent residence in the United States.

The Indictment is the culmination of an investigation on the part of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, under the direction of Special Agent-in-Charge James C. Spero.

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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