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Mexican National Sentenced for Document Fraud

Chicago, IL – Brian R. Perryman, District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Chicago, along with Scott R. Lasar, United States Attorney for the Northern District, announced yesterday the sentencing of a Mexican national for the manufacturing and sale of counterfeit identity documents. Arturo Mota-Hernandez, age 38, was sentenced by Judge William J. Hibbler to 24 months incarceration. Hernandez, of 2605 North California Avenue in Chicago, is a legal permanent resident but is amenable to removal proceedings as an aggravated felon under Immigration law.

Hernandez worked closely with an employee of “Trojan Labor,” an employment placement firm located at 2665 W. Fullerton Avenue in Chicago. Arturo Mota-Hernandez would supply counterfeit Alien Registration cards and Social Security cards for undocumented aliens who would present themselves at Trojan Labor seeking employment. The undocumented aliens would pay \$100.00 per set, which included one Alien Registration card (green card) and one Social Security card, that were manufactured at Mota’s home address once all the biographical information on the alien had been collected.

“The INS in Chicago has a very active fraud unit that investigates illegal document manufacturers and vendors,” said Brian R. Perryman, Chicago District Director of the INS. “We will not tolerate this type of fraud being committed against the United States government.”

Since fiscal year 1998, October 1997 to the present, the INS Chicago District has confiscated over 65,000 counterfeit documents.

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