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INS ARRESTS 17 CRIMINAL ALIENS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

Arlington, VA.....Warren A. Lewis, District Director, for the Washington District Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, (INS), in coordination with District 36 Virginia State Parole and Probation Office confirmed today the arrest of 17 criminal aliens.

Each arrested criminal alien is on active probation or parole. In the operation entitled "Surprise Party," agents identified those criminal aliens reporting to District 36 Probation and Parole that were amenable to removal from the United States. Their crimes ranged from Larceny to Felonious Assault.

The arrested criminal aliens are from the following countries: El Salvador, Mexico, Bolivia and Honduras.

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“The removal of criminal aliens from the United States remains a top priority for the Immigration and Naturalization Service. The Washington District Office remains committed to making our communities safe in the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia,” said District Director Lewis.

This operation is part of an ongoing relationship established in December of 1999 between the INS Washington District Office and several law enforcement agencies in Virginia.

All of the criminal aliens arrested will be placed in removal proceedings.