



**Combating Immigration Services Scams  
Federal Action List  
June 9, 2011**

Matter Name / Location	Type of Action	Date/Matter Information	Responsible Agency	Press Contact
<p><i>Loma International Business Group, Inc., Servicios Latinoamericanos De Maryland, Inc., Manuel E. Alban, and Lola P. Alban</i></p> <p>(Northern District of Maryland, Baltimore Division)</p>	<p><b>Civil Action:</b> Alleging violations of Section 5 of the FTC Act.</p>	<p>June 1, 2011: Complaint filed and Temporary Restraining Order entered.</p>	<p><b>Federal Trade Commission</b></p>	<p>Betsy Lordan (202) 326-3707</p> <p>Press Release: <a href="http://www.ftc.gov/opa/index.shtml">http://www.ftc.gov/opa/index.shtml</a></p>



<p><b>Raul Ernest ALONSO-PRIETO</b></p> <p>(Central District of California)</p>	<p><b>Criminal Action:</b> CR 09-261-MMM - Defendant pled guilty to Mail Fraud in violation of 18:1341 and Aggravated Identity Theft in violation of 18:1028A(a)(1) - <b>Sentenced to 61 months</b> imprisonment (37 + 24 consecutive) and ordered to pay \$7,300 in restitution.</p>	<p>March 19, 2009: Indictment.</p> <p>December 7, 2009: Plea.</p> <p>June 28, 2010: Sentence.</p>	<p><b>The United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California;</b> Federal Bureau of Investigation; Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Detention and Removal Operations; and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigation.</p>	<p>Thom Mrozek (213) 894-6947</p> <p>Press Release: <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/cac/pressroom/pr2010/101.html">http://www.justice.gov/usao/cac/pressroom/pr2010/101.html</a></p>
<p><b>Samuel D. KLEIN</b></p> <p>(Central District of California)</p>	<p><b>Criminal Action:</b> CR 10-015-RGK - Samuel Klein pled guilty to False Tax Return in violation of 26:7206(1); Visa Fraud in violation of 18:1546(a); and False Statements in violation of 18:1001.</p>	<p>January 7, 2010: Indictment.</p> <p>January 6, 2011: Plea.</p> <p>July 18, 2011: Sentencing.</p> <p><b>Case PENDING</b></p>	<p><b>The United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California;</b> Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Internal Revenue Services; and the Department of Education.</p>	<p>Thom Mrozek (213) 894-6947</p> <p>Press Release: <a href="http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1101/110106losangeles.htm">http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1101/110106losangeles.htm</a></p>

<p><b><i>Evelyn SINENENG-SMITH</i></b>  (Northern District of California)</p>	<p><b>Criminal Action:</b> CR 10-414-RMW - Defendant indicted on three counts of Encouraging and Inducing Illegal Immigration for Private Financial Gain in violation of 8:1324(a)(1)(A)(iv); three counts of Mail Fraud in violation of 18:1341; two counts of Willfully Subscribing to False Tax Return in violation of 26:7206(1); and two counts of Money Laundering in violation of 18:1957.</p>	<p>May 26, 2010: Indictment.  August 22, 2011: Motion Hearing.  <b>Case PENDING</b></p>	<p><b>The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California;</b> Immigration and Customs Enforcement; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate; U.S. Department of Labor, Office of the Inspector General; Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division; U.S. Postal Inspection Service; Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General; and the State of California Employment Development Department.</p>	<p>Jack Gillund (415) 436-6599  <u>Press Release:</u> <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/can/press/2010/2010_05_27_sineneng-smith.charged.press.html">http://www.justice.gov/usao/can/press/2010/2010_05_27_sineneng-smith.charged.press.html</a></p>
<p><b><i>Frank Salvador SOLORZA</i></b>  (Northern District of California)</p>	<p><b>Criminal Action:</b> CR 09-217-PJH - Defendant found guilty of Conspiracy in violation of 18:371; 2 counts of Impersonating an Officer in violation of 18:912; and four counts of Attempted Extortion in violation of 18:872. Defendant was <b>sentenced to 36 months</b> imprisonment.</p>	<p>February 11, 2009: Complaint.  February 26, 2009: Indictment.  June 24, 2010: Trial.  June 30, 2010: Verdict.  April 20, 2011: Sentencing.</p>	<p><b>The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California;</b> and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.</p>	<p>Jack Gillund (415) 436-6599  <u>Press Release:</u> <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/can/press/2010/2010_07_01_solorza.convicted.press.html">http://www.justice.gov/usao/can/press/2010/2010_07_01_solorza.convicted.press.html</a></p>

<p><b>Armando GARCIA and Elizabeth ALCOCER</b></p> <p>(Southern District of California)</p>	<p><b>Criminal Action:</b> CR 10-1642-MMA - both defendants are charged by Indictment with 16 counts including Conspiracy in violation of 18:371; Mail Fraud in violation of 18:1341; and Aggravated Identity Theft in violation of 18:1028A(a)(1) - Garcia is set for trial on 05/23/11 - Alcocer pled guilty on 08/10/10 to Conspiracy, Mail Fraud and Aggravated Identity Theft - Sentencing is set for 08/01/11.</p>	<p>April 30, 2010: Indictment.</p> <p>August 10, 2010: Plea for Alcocer.</p> <p>August 1, 2011: Sentence for Alcocer.</p> <p>June 27, 2011: Trial Setting for Garcia.</p> <p><b>Case PENDING</b></p>	<p><b>The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California;</b> and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.</p>	<p>Debra K. Hartman (619) 557-5275</p> <p>Press Release: <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/cas/press/cas10-0622-Garcia.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/usao/cas/press/cas10-0622-Garcia.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Levy Garcia CRESPO</b></p> <p>(Southern District of Florida)</p>	<p><b>Criminal Action:</b> Magistrate Court 11-8175-JMH - Defendant charged by complaint with Making Materially False Statement or Representation to Judicial Branch of Government in violation of 18:1001.</p>	<p>May 25, 2011: Complaint.</p> <p><b>Case PENDING</b></p>	<p><b>The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida;</b> Immigration and Customs Enforcement; ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor.</p>	<p>Alicia Valle (305) 961-9153</p> <p>Press Release: <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/fls/PressReleases/110527-03.html">http://www.justice.gov/usao/fls/PressReleases/110527-03.html</a></p>
<p><b>Crystal TIJERINA</b></p> <p>(District of Idaho)</p>	<p><b>Criminal Action:</b> CR 11-028-EJL - Indictment filed charging defendant with six counts of Mail Fraud in violation of 18:1341 and two counts of Misuse of US Government Seals in violation of 18:1017. Trial is set for 08/16/11.</p>	<p>February 8, 2011: Indictment.</p> <p>August 16, 2011: Trial.</p> <p><b>Case PENDING</b></p>	<p><b>The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Idaho;</b> Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.</p>	<p>Kristi Johnson (208) 334-1211</p> <p>Press Release: <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/id/news/2011/feb/tijerina02172011.html">http://www.justice.gov/usao/id/news/2011/feb/tijerina02172011.html</a></p>

<p><b>Robert Fred MEJIA</b>  (District of Maryland)</p>	<p><b>Criminal Action:</b> CR 10-523-DKC - Defendant pled guilty to Conspiracy in violation of 18:371; Interstate Transportation of Money Obtained by Fraud in violation of 18:2314; and Felon in Possession of a Firearm in violation of 18:922(g)(1). <b>Sentenced to total of 96 months imprisonment CONSECUTIVE</b> to the sentences in the State of Maryland cases 115785 and 113850.</p>	<p>August 26, 2010: Information.  September 27, 2010: Plea.  January 10, 2011: Sentencing.</p>	<p><b>The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland;</b> Immigration and Custom Enforcement; DHS' Office of the Inspector General; ICE's Office of Professional Responsibility; Montgomery County Police Department; and the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office.</p>	<p>Vickie LeDuc (410) 209-4885  <u>Press Release:</u> <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/md/Public-Affairs/press_releases/press08/GermantownManWhoImpersonateFederalImmigrationAgentSentencedto8YearsinPrisoninFraudScheme.html">http://www.justice.gov/usao/md/Public-Affairs/press_releases/press08/GermantownManWhoImpersonateFederalImmigrationAgentSentencedto8YearsinPrisoninFraudScheme.html</a></p>
<p><b>Michael RUIZ</b>  (District of New Jersey)</p>	<p><b>Criminal Action:</b> CR 09-755-FLW and CR 10-312-FLW - Defendant pled guilty to a 3 count information charging him with Mail Fraud in violation of 18:1341 and False Impersonation of an Immigration Officer in violation of 18:912. Defendant was <b>Sentenced to 84 months imprisonment.</b></p>	<p>August 14, 2008: Complaint.  October 6, 2009: Information.  October 6, 2009: Plea.  September 22, 2010: Sentencing.</p>	<p><b>The United States Attorney's Offices of the District of New Jersey and the Middle District of Florida;</b> and Immigration and Custom Enforcement from both the Hoboken, NJ office and the Jacksonville, FL office.</p>	<p>Rebekah Carmichael (973) 645-2888  <u>Press Release:</u> <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nj/Press/files/pdf/files/2010/Ruiz%20Michael%20Sentencing%20PR.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nj/Press/files/pdf/files/2010/Ruiz%20Michael%20Sentencing%20PR.pdf</a></p>

<p><b>Salvador COLLAZO and Dalia PRELDAKAJ</b></p> <p>(Southern District of New York)</p>	<p><b>Criminal Action:</b> CR 08-1054-SAS - <b>PRELDAKAJ</b> was found guilty after a jury trial of multiple counts of Conspiracy in violation of 18:371; Visa Fraud in violation of 18:1546; Immigration Fee Fraud in violation of 18:1422; Money Laundering in violation of 18:1956; Illegal Monetary Transactions in violation of 18:1957; and Witness Tampering in violation of 18:1512/3147 and was <b>Sentenced to 78 months imprisonment. COLLAZO</b> was found guilty after a jury trial of Conspiracy in violation of 18:371; Visa Fraud in violation of 18:1546; and False Statements in violation of 18:1001 and was <b>Sentenced to 24 months imprisonment and ordered to pay \$36,000 in restitution.</b></p>	<p>August 29, 2008: Complaint (Preldakaj).</p> <p>July 9, 2009: Superceding Indictment (Both defendants).</p> <p>March 19, 2010: Trial.</p> <p>April 16, 2010: Verdict.</p> <p>September 2, 2010: Sentence (Preldakaj).</p> <p>October 14, 2010: Sentence (Collazo).</p>	<p><b>The United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York;</b> Immigration and Custom Enforcement; and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.</p>	<p>Ellen Davis (212) 637-2600</p> <p>Press Releases: <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/September10/preldakajdaliasentencingpr.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/September10/preldakajdaliasentencingpr.pdf</a></p> <p>and</p> <p><a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/October10/collazosalvadorsentencingpr.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressreleases/October10/collazosalvadorsentencingpr.pdf</a></p>
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<p><b><i>Cllover A. PEREZ</i></b>  (Southern District of New York)</p>	<p><b>Criminal Action:</b> CR 09-1153-MEA - Defendant was charged by indictment and found guilty by a jury of Defrauding and Swindling in violation of 18:1341; Visa Fraud in violation of 18:1546; Document Preparer Fraud in violation of 8:1324c(e); Bank Fraud in violation of 18:1344; and Aggravated Identity Theft in violation of 18:1028A. <b>Sentencing is set for 10/07/11.</b></p>	<p>November 2, 2009: Complaint.  December 3, 2009: Indictment.  April 2011: Trial.  April 25, 2011: Verdict.  October 7, 2011: Sentencing.  <b>SENTENCING PENDING</b></p>	<p><b>The United States Attorney's Office of the Southern District of New York;</b> Immigration and Customs Enforcement; USCIS Office of Fraud Detection and National Security.</p>	<p>Ellen Davis (212) 637-2600  <u>Press Release:</u> <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressrelease/April1/perezcloververdictpr.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/usao/nys/pressrelease/April1/perezcloververdictpr.pdf</a></p>
<p><b><i>David LYNN</i></b>  (Eastern District of Pennsylvania)</p>	<p><b>Criminal Action:</b> CR 08-430-RBS - Defendant pled guilty to one count of Conspiracy in violation of 18:371; one count of Visa Fraud in violation of 18:1546(a); one count of Money Laundering in violation of 18:1956(a)(1)(B); and one count of Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering in violation of 18:1956(h). Defendant was <b>Sentenced to 40 months of imprisonment and was ordered to forfeit \$1.8 million in assets and 2 10-ounce gold bars.</b></p>	<p>July 24, 2008: Indictment.  October 6, 2008: Plea.  June 10, 2010: Sentencing.</p>	<p><b>The United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania;</b> Immigration and Customs Enforcement; ICE Office of the Principal Legal Advisor; U.S. Department of Labor; USCIS Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate; USCIS Refugee, Asylum and International Operations; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Office of the Inspector General for Housing and Urban Development; Department of State, Diplomatic Security; Philadelphia Police Department; and Southampton Police Department.</p>	<p>Patricia Hartman (215) 861-8525  <u>Press Release:</u> <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/pae/News/2008/jul/lynnetalrelease.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/usao/pae/News/2008/jul/lynnetalrelease.pdf</a></p>



<p><b>Audeliz VILLEGAS</b>  (District of Rhode Island)</p>	<p><b>Criminal Action:</b> CR 10-007-ML - Defendant was charged by Indictment and pled guilty to four counts of Wire Fraud in violation of 18:1343 and one count of Impersonation of a Federal Officer in violation of 18:912. Defendant was <b>Sentenced to Time Served (6 months) and ordered to pay \$8,700 restitution.</b></p>	<p>December 23, 2009: Complaint.  January 20, 2010: Indictment.  June 22, 2010: Plea.  January 21, 2011: Sentencing.</p>	<p><b>The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Rhode Island;</b> Immigration and Customs Enforcement; Pawtucket Police; Rhode Island State Police; the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Identification; and the State Police Fusion Center.</p>	<p>James Rosenberg (401) 709-5357</p> <p><u>Press Releases:</u> <a href="http://www.justice.gov/usao/ri/news/2010/jun2010/villegas%20plea.html">http://www.justice.gov/usao/ri/news/2010/jun2010/villegas%20plea.html</a>  and  <a href="http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1101/110121providence.htm">http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1101/110121providence.htm</a></p>
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