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Press Release

USCIS BOSTON ASSISTS IN ARREST OF MAN WANTED ON DRUG CHARGES

BOSTON - A man was taken into custody today after officers from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) uncovered an outstanding warrant for his arrest on charges of selling cocaine. Officers from the Federal Protective Service (FPS) took Franklin Gonzalez into custody at the USCIS Boston District office where Gonzalez was applying for an immigration benefit.

An Adjudications Officer with USCIS discovered Gonzalez was also known by the alias Chevez Rodriguez. Further investigation revealed there was an outstanding warrant for Gonzalez's arrest issued by the Fitchburg Police Department under the alias Chevez Rodriguez. The USCIS officer then notified FPS who took Gonzalez into custody.

"We take our responsibility to protect the public very seriously," said Boston District Director Denis Riordan. "When we discover someone who has violated the law, we work with law enforcement agencies to take the appropriate action."

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On March 1, 2003, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) became one of three former INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security.