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CELEBRATION MAN SENTENCED IN ALIEN HARBORING RING

Orlando, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill today announced that RICHARD MALEK, a 54 year old resident of Celebration, Florida, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gregory A. Presnell to 18 months in prison following his earlier plea of guilty to being the bookkeeper for ADELCO, a company that provided illegal workers to local hotels and harbored them in the United States. MALEK was also sentenced to two years of supervised release to follow his jail term, with the condition that he perform 100 hours of community service. As part of his plea agreement with the government, MALEK had earlier forfeited to the government \$50,000 which he earned in the criminal enterprise.

According to the plea agreement, MALEK started out as a manager of the Tampa office of ADELCO, the staffing company run by co-conspirators EDWARD CHWOJKO, 60, of Ft. Lauderdale, and ARTUR GLOWACKI, 50, of Orlando. ADELCO provided hundreds of illegal workers to resort hotels throughout the Southeastern United States, mostly in Florida, between 1998 and 2006. Later, between 2002 and 2006, MALEK was ADELCO's bookkeeper. The criminal operation grossed over \$50 million between 2000 and 2006.

In March 2008, GLOWACKI was sentenced to 36 months in prison and forfeited \$340,000 to the government as proceeds of the crime. CHWOJKO was sentenced to 37 months in prison in April, 2008, forfeiting his house as part of the plea deal because it was paid for with illegal proceeds of the crime. Three other defendants pleaded guilty and were

sentenced in March 2008, in this case: JULIUS MACUHA, of Kissimmee, was sentenced to 18 months in prison and forfeited \$50,000 to the government; and his brother, PETER MACUHA, 37, of Kissimmee, was sentenced to 13 months in prison, and forfeited his residence to the government; along with PETER MACUHA's wife, TATIANA KHAPILINA, 33, also of Kissimmee, who was also sentenced to 13 months in prison.

The case was investigated by the Orlando Offices of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Cynthia A. Hawkins.