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ORLANDO MAN SENTENCED FOR VISA FRAUD **HIS PARTNER REMAINS A FUGITIVE**

_____ Orlando, FL - On February 6, 2008, Paul SVEJDA was sentenced by U.S. District Judge John Antoon II, to a term of 18 months of imprisonment, two years of supervised release and one hundred (100) hours of community service for visa fraud. SVEJDA was ordered to pay to the United States \$50,000 as proceeds gained from the illegal activity. SVEJDA was ordered to turn himself in to the Bureau of Prisons on March 5, 2008 to begin his sentence. On October 7, 2007, SVEJDA entered a guilty plea for visa fraud. The second defendant, Alan C. TILLEY, who is also charged with visa fraud, is currently a fugitive and it is believed that he resides in the United Kingdom.

This investigation focused on a variety of non-immigrant visa fraud schemes including H-1B (Specialty Occupation), L-1 (Intra-Company Transferee), and E-2 (Treaty Investor) visas. According to court documents, it was learned that SVEJDA incorporated a business called U.S. Visa Center, Inc., in Florida in 2002. The company's name was later changed to One-Stop U.S.A. In 2004, TILLEY became part owner of U.S. Visa Center, Inc. and subsequently One-Stop U.S.A. The subjects created more than one hundred shell companies to facilitate employment based visa fraud on behalf of aliens from various

countries throughout the world, including countries now designated as Special Interest Countries. The subjects created fake documents such as forged or bogus support letters, bogus stock certificates, forged and/or fictitious foreign corporate documents, inflated financial figures and fraudulent lease agreements that were submitted to the government in support of hundreds of fraudulent visa petitions/applications. The investigation has revealed that the targets charged between \$5,000 and \$20,000 for their visa processing services.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S. Department of Labor. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) also assisted in the investigation. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Cynthia Hawkins.

This case was part of ICE's Document and Benefit Fraud Task Force (DBFTF). The DBFTF was created in March 2006, to target, seize illicit proceeds of and dismantle the criminal organizations that threaten national security and public safety and address the vulnerabilities that currently exist in the immigration process. Through DBFTFs, ICE partners with other agencies such as the Department of Labor, the Social Security Administration, U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Department of State and various state and local law enforcement agencies. These task forces focus their efforts on detecting, deterring and disrupting both benefit fraud and document fraud.