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Honduran Citizen Sentenced on Immigration and False Document Charges

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Israel Rodriguez-Reyes**, 42, of Honduras, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Portland to 130 days imprisonment and 3 years supervised release, for Illegal Reentry by a Removed Alien and Possession of a False Social Security Card and False Alien Registration Receipt Card. Rodriguez-Reyes pleaded guilty on January 3, 2008.

According to court records, on September 26, 2007, Rodriguez-Reyes was stopped by the Portland Police Department for operating a motor vehicle in an unsafe manner. Rodriguez-Reyes did not have a driver's license and was arrested for operating a motor vehicle without a license. The arresting officer searched Rodriguez-Reyes and found a Social Security card and Resident Alien card, both bearing the name Israel Rodriguez. Both cards were later determined to be counterfeit. Further investigation revealed that Rodriguez-Reyes had been removed from the United States on January 3, 2007, after he was arrested for being in the country illegally. He was therefore required to obtain permission from the Secretary of Homeland Security before reentering the country but failed to do so.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Portland Police Department.

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