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**PRESS RELEASE**

**TWENTY LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EMPLOYEES  
CHARGED FOR USING FALSE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS  
TO OBTAIN SECURE AREA ACCESS BADGES**

Boston, MA... United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan, Ned E. Schwartz, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigation, Denis Riordan, Acting District Director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, and Leo J. Sullivan, Special Agent in Charge of the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigation, announced today that twenty individuals have been charged in separate complaints with providing false and fraudulent information on application forms to obtain employment and access badges to secure areas at Logan International Airport. Federal law enforcement authorities arrested fifteen of the twenty defendants this morning. Those defendants will have initial appearances later today in federal court. The individuals charged are as follows:

- 1) **LUIS A. AMAYA-MANZANARES**, age 33, 161 Bellingham Street, Chelsea, MA;
- 2) **EDGAR B. ARGUETA**, age 30, of 163 Bennington Street, East Boston, MA;
- 3) **MICHEL-ANGE ASPILAIRE**, age 49, of 127 Hudson Street, Somerville, MA;
- 4) **JEAN GASNER BALAN**, age 30, of 59 Ormund Street, Boston, MA;
- 5) **JUAN J. CABRERA**, age 24, of 70 Marlboro Street, Chelsea, MA;
- 6) **JEAN-CLAUDE CAZEAU**, age 44, of 756 Metropolitan Avenue, Hyde Park, MA;
- 7) **SIDI MOUSSI FADILI**, age 23, of 72 Campbell Avenue, Revere, MA;
- 8) **HEIDY FORTIN**, age 34, of 44 Marshall Street, Somerville, MA;
- 9) **MARTIN GONZALEZ**, age 34, of 10 Orleans Street, East Boston, MA;
- 10) **ELSA LOPEZ**, age 38, of 62 Cottage Street, East Boston, MA;
- 11) **JACKSON JACQUES LUCAS**, age 30, of 2089 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA;
- 12) **SIGIFREDO MARTINEZ**, age 35, of 306 Maverick Street, East Boston, MA;
- 13) **SAMUEL INNOCENT MGWENO**, age 21, of 877 Bradway Street, Chelsea, MA;

- 14) **PATRICK FRITZ JUNIOR MOMPEROUSSE**, age 25, of 93 Blue Ledge Drive, Roslindale, MA;
- 15) **JABRI MOUHSINE**, age 21, of 89 Atlantic Avenue, Revere, MA;
- 16) **JASON PERI**, age 53, of 61 Eutaw Street, Revere, MA;
- 17) **CLAUDE PIERRE**, age 43, of 14 Argle Terrace, Dorchester, MA;
- 18) **REGINALD PIERRE**, age 32, of 2 Metropolitan Circle, Roslindale, MA
- 19) **WILSON POLO**, age 43, of 36 Estes Street, Lynn, MA; and
- 20) **DAMARIS ULLOA**, age 35, of 114 Irving Street, Everett, MA.

Shortly after the attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup>, a review, consistent with “Operation Safe Travel”, was conducted of 3,500 individuals who had access to the Secure Identification Display Area (“SIDA”) of Logan International Airport (“Logan”). As a result of this review, the twenty defendants charged today were identified as having obtained SIDA access badges by providing false information on their application forms, often using fraudulent alien registration cards, commonly known as “green cards”, and fraudulent social security numbers. Initiatives similar to this one have been conducted in other airports around the country including Las Vegas and Salt Lake City.

“The hard lesson of September 11<sup>th</sup> was that there is still more that could and should be done to tighten airport security and ensure the flying public’s safety. This initiative is a major step in closing those gaps in security that may have still existed Post-September 11<sup>th</sup>,” said U.S. Attorney Sullivan. “It is unacceptable for individuals who are not legally authorized to work or live in the United States and whose identities have been falsified, to have access to the most sensitive areas of an airport. It is a basic, yet vital security requirement that employers and law enforcement be certain of the identities and backgrounds of those employees who have access to aircraft, baggage handling areas, the tarmac and other secure areas of the airport.”

The U.S. Attorney added: “I want to thank the Department of Transportation, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Social Security Administration for their cooperative efforts and hard work during this extremely time consuming and exhaustive investigation. I also would like to thank Massport for its cooperation throughout this initiative”

“This joint investigation was one of several the Department of Transportation’s Office of Inspector General has conducted around the country of airport workers providing false information, such as fraudulently using social security numbers or using false immigration papers to obtain security badges allowing them access to secure areas of airports,” said Ned Schwartz, Special Agent in Charge of the Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General. Schwartz also commended the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Social Security Administration’s Office of Inspector General and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for their efforts in investigating the case with the Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General. Schwartz also expressed his appreciation for the assistance rendered in this matter by the Massachusetts Port Authority.

“To know the identity of persons working at airside stations and to ensure that those persons are authorized to work under the law is of vital importance in maintaining security at our airports,” said Denis C. Riordan, Acting District Director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. “Thanks to the combined efforts of the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the Department of Transportation, the Social Security Administration, the Massachusetts State Police, Massport, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, today’s operation has done much to enhance security at Logan Airport.”

“It is always gratifying to be part of such a successful federal effort. By pooling our resources with those of the Department of Justice and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, we have been able to investigate these individuals who have fraudulently obtained secure access at Logan through the use of false information and documents such as “green cards” and fraudulent social security numbers,” said Leo J. Sullivan, Special Agent in Charge of the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General. “The social security number is now the single most widely used identifier for federal, state and local governments as well as the private sector. This expanded use of the social security number has given rise to individuals acquiring and using fraudulent social security numbers and social security numbers assigned to other individuals for illegal purposes. The ramifications of this type of activity can be severe and far-reaching. Consequently, curbing social security number misuse and identity theft are top priorities for the Social Security Administration’s Office of Inspector General.”

The SIDA at Logan encompasses all property and areas of the airport including: portions of the terminals and baggage areas, as well as cargo facilities; areas beyond pre-departure passenger security screening checkpoints, known as “sterile areas”; jet ways, and the Airport Operations Area, which includes the tarmac, runways, and airfield. An individual having Airport Operations Area privileges is said to have “ramp access” to the airfield areas where aircraft are stored and maintained.

SIDA access badges are the property of the Massachusetts Port Authority, (“Massport”), and are issued pursuant to Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) guidelines. As required by the FAA, SIDA badges are issued only to those individuals who have completed an Application for Access Privileges at Logan, known as a Form UA1. FAA regulation requires each individual seeking access to the SIDA to possess a SIDA access badge. FAA regulations also require that individuals who are seeking SIDA access in addition to filling out the Form UA1, must undergo a thorough employment background history check, and oftentimes criminal fingerprint checks with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The FAA also requires applicants to certify on their Form UA1 application that they have not been convicted in the past ten years of certain crimes. In addition to the FAA requirements, Massport policy requires that all applicants undergo a criminal record history check conducted by the Massachusetts State Police.

As a result of this initiative and recommendations from federal law enforcement agencies, changes to the UA1 Form will be implemented by Massport and the Immigration and

Naturalization Service will now be part of the background check process for any future applications for SIDA access badges.

Each of the twenty defendants are charged with having obtained SIDA access badges as a result of having provided false and/or fraudulent information on the Form UA1. Certain defendants are additionally charged with using a false social security number, and/or fraud and misuse of false visas, permits, and other U.S. documents.

If convicted, the use of a false writing or document charge carries a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine. The charge of using a false social security number carries a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine. Conviction on the fraud and misuse of false visas, permits, and other U.S. documents charge carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine.

Upon completion of any term of imprisonment, each defendant may be subject to deportation to his or her country of origin.

The cases were investigated by Special Agents with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigation, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigation with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Service. The cases are being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Nadine Pellegrini, Deputy Chief of Sullivan's Major Crimes Unit, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Timothy Q. Feeley, Antoinette Leoney, John Capin, and John Bradley also in Sullivan's Major Crimes Unit.

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### **Defendants and Employment at Logan International Airport**

<b>Defendant</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Logan Employment</b>	<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Ch</b>
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<b>Defendant</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Logan Employment</b>	<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Charge</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>
<b>LUIS A. AMAYA-MANZANARES</b>	Hudson General Corporation, d.b.a. Globe Ground North America  and  Service Master Inc.	Various services within SIDA (Form UAI application for SIDA access badge denied by Massport)  Janitorial services to aircraft (Form UAI application for SIDA access badge denied by Massport)	December 18, 2001  January 7, 2002	False statements on Form UAI in relation to using a forged, counterfeited or altered alien registration card.	El Salvador
<b>EDGAR B. ARGUETA</b>	Precision Cleaning Company, Inc.	Cleaning within SIDA	January 12, 2001 to Present	False statements on Form UAI in relation to using a forged, counterfeited or altered alien registration card and false social security number and not being legally present in the U.S.	El Salvador

<b>Defendant</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Logan Employment</b>	<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Charge</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>
<b>MICHEL-ANGE ASPILAIRE</b>	Hudson General Corporation, d.b.a. Globe Ground North America	Various services within SIDA including transporting jet fuel and refueling aircraft	April 24, 2001 to Present	False statements on Form UAI in relation to false social security number and not being legally present in the U.S.	Haiti
<b>JEAN GASNER BALAN</b>	Host Marriott Corporation, d.b.a. Host International, Inc.	Various services within SIDA	November 1, 2001 to Present	False statements on Form UAI in relation to using a forged, counterfeited or altered alien registration card and false social security number and not being legally present in the U.S.	Haiti
<b>JUAN J. CABRERA</b>	Host Marriott Corporation, d.b.a. Host International, Inc.	Various services within SIDA	September 15, 2001 to Present	False statements on Form UAI in relation to providing false alien registration and social security numbers and not being legally present in U.S.	Guatemala
<b>JEAN-CLAUDE CAZEAU</b>	Service Master Inc.	Janitorial Services for aircraft	September 26, 2001 to Present	False statements on Form UAI in relation to using a forged, counterfeited or altered alien registration card and false social security number and not being legally present in the U.S.	Haiti

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<b>SIDI MOUSSI FADILI</b>	Argenbright Holdings	Pre-Departure Checkpoint Screenings	April 26, 2000 to December, 2001	False statements on Form UAI in relation to being Out of Status on Student Visa and not legally present in U.S.	Morocco
<b>HEIDY FORTIN</b>	Service Master Inc.	Janitorial Services for aircraft	August 22, 2001 to Present	False statements on Form UAI in relation to using a forged, counterfeited or altered alien registration card and false social security number and not being legally present in the U.S.	Honduras
<b>MARTIN GONZALEZ</b>	Precision Cleaning Company, Inc.	Cleaning within SIDA	October 12, 2000 to Present	False statements on Form UAI in relation to using a forged, counterfeited or altered alien registration card and false social security number and not being legally present in the U.S.	Mexico

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<b>ELSA LOPEZ</b>	Precision Cleaning Co, Inc.	Various Services within SIDA	November 16, 1998 to Present	False statements on Form UAI in relation to using a forged, counterfeited or altered alien registration card and false social security number and not being legally present in the U.S.	El Salvador
<b>JACKSON JACQUES LUCAS</b>	Argenbright Holdings Limited	Pre-Departure Checkpoint Screenings	March 1, 2001 to December, 2001	False statements on Form UAI in relation to using a forged, counterfeited or altered alien registration card and false social security number and not being legally present in the U.S.	Haiti
<b>SIGIFREDO MARTINEZ</b>	One Source, Inc.	Cleaning services within SIDA	February 2, 2000 to Present	False statements on Form UAI in relation to using a forged, counterfeited or altered alien registration card and false social security number and not being legally present in the U.S.	Mexico



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<b>SAMUEL INNOCENT MGWENO</b>	Argenbright Holdings Limited	Pre-Departure Checkpoint Screenings	August 24, 2000 to December, 2001	False statements on Form UAI	Tanzania
<b>PATRICK FRITZ JUNIOR MOMPEROUSSE</b>	Argenbright Holdings Limited	Pre-Departure Checkpoint Screenings	July 24, 2001 to December, 2001	False statements on Form UAI	Haiti
<b>JABRI MOUHSINE</b>	Argenbright Holdings Limited	Pre-Departure Checkpoint Screenings	October 2, 2000 to December, 2001	False statements on Form UAI	Morocco
<b>JASON PERI</b>	Hudson General Corporation, d.b.a. Globe Ground North America	Various services within SIDA	April 6, 2001 to Present	False statements on Form UAI in relation to false social security number	Honduran born and Naturalized U.S. Citizen
<b>CLAUDE PIERRE</b>	Hudson General Corporation, d.b.a. Globe Ground North America	Various services within SIDA	August 29, 2001 to Present	False statements on Form UAI in relation to using a forged, counterfeited or altered alien registration card and false social security number and being Out of Status on Temporary Visitor for Pleasure Visa and not legally present in the U.S.	Haiti

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<b>REGINALD PIERRE</b>	Argenbright Holdings Limited	Pre-Departure Checkpoint Screenings	August 2, 2000 to December, 2001	False statements on Form UAI in relation to using a forged, counterfeited or altered alien registration card and false social security number and not being legally present in the U.S.	Haiti
<b>WILSON POLO</b>	Host Marriott Corporation, d.b.a. Host International, Inc.	Various services within SIDA	October 19, 2000 to Present	False statements on Form UAI in relation to false social security number and not being legally present in the U.S.	Colombia
<b>DAMARIS ULLOA</b>	Precision Cleaning Company, Inc.	Various services within SIDA	July 30, 1999 to Present	False statements on Form UAI in relation to using a forged, counterfeited or altered alien registration card and false social security number and not being legally present in the U.S.	Costa Rica