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# Press Release

## **USCIS NEW YORK ASSISTS IN ARREST OF SUSPECTED ARMY DESERTER**

NEW YORK – A woman was taken into custody yesterday afternoon after officers from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) discovered there was an outstanding warrant for her arrest on charges of desertion from the U.S. Army. Officers from the Federal Protective Service took Valerie Meadows into custody at the USCIS Garden City Office where she was being interviewed for an immigration benefit.

Valerie Meadows, age 47, is alleged to have deserted from her post in Augsburg, Germany in December of 1993. She has been wanted by the U.S. Army ever since. The warrant was discovered following routine criminal history checks that are conducted for every applicant requesting an immigration service or benefit.

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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.