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**PRESS RELEASE**

United States Attorney Kevin J. O'Connor, Edward Bradley, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Defense Criminal Investigative Services for the Northeast Field Office, Leo I. Sullivan, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General, and Gary Cote, Officer-In-Charge of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, announced the arrests of 10 employees of subcontractors working at the Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation in Stratford. Those arrested face charges including possession and use of false immigration documents, the use and possession of false social security cards, and making false statements concerning past criminal history.

The arrests are the result of a multi-agency investigation into employees of subcontractors working at Sikorsky Aircraft who are charged with submitting applications for security access badges containing false statements or based on fraudulent immigration or social security documents.

“The false documents and other information allegedly provided by these individuals allowed them to clear their background investigations,” stated U.S. Attorney O'Connor. “It is vital that the security of our defense infrastructure is not jeopardized by individuals who may gain access through fraudulent means.”

Sikorsky is a top 100 Department of Defense contractor that manufactures and develops helicopters for the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and certain foreign military organizations. Sikorsky is a secure facility containing restricted and sensitive technologies, trade secrets, and government property.

The following individuals were arrested:

DEFENDANT	CHARGES
BARROSO, GUADALUPE 898 Howard Ave., BPT	Social Security Fraud Use of False Alien Registration Card
BERMUDEZ, CARMEN 255 Sheridan St., Bridgeport	False Statements
CERRATO, GEL C. 177 Ashes St, Bridgeport	Social Security Fraud Use of False Alien Registration Card
LOPEZ, MARGARITA 539 Lexington Ave., Bridgeport	Social Security Fraud Use of False Alien Registration Card
NARANJO, CHRISTIAN Holbrook St., Ansonia	Social Security Fraud Use of False Alien Registration Card
NAVA, RAFAEL 252 Oak Street, Bridgeport	Social Security Fraud Use of False Alien Registration Card
NAVA, TOMAS 342 Mountain Grove St., Bridgeport	Social Security Fraud Use of False Alien Registration Card
SILVA, CHRISTIAN O. 74 Center St., Shelton	Social Security Fraud Use of False Alien Registration Card
SISSON, JOHN CARLTON 142 Branford Road	False Statements
ZAPATA, ANDRES , a/k/a Tulio Perez Hartford	Social Security Fraud Use of False Alien Registration Card

U.S. Attorney O'Connor stated that the possession and use of false immigration documents is punishable by a maximum of ten years incarceration and \$250,000 in fines. The social security and false statement charges are punishable by a maximum of five years imprisonment and \$250,000 in fines.

Mr. O'Connor stated that the investigation at Sikorsky was conducted with the full cooperation and support of Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation. In addition to the Defense Criminal Investigation Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Social Security Administration, other agencies involved in the investigation include the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations, members of the Joint Terrorism Task Force, the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Connecticut State Police, and the Stratford, Trumbull and Bridgeport Police Departments.

United States Attorney O'Connor stressed that a criminal complaint is only a charge and not evidence of guilt. The defendants are entitled to a fair trial at which it is the Government's burden to prove their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorneys James I. Glasser, Anthony Kaplan and James Filan.