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Event: Guilty Plea

Defendant: Jesse Toma Babby

MADISON HEIGHTS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO IMMIGRATION CONSPIRACY

Jesse Toma Babby, 45, of Madison Heights pleaded guilty today to a felony conspiracy charge before U.S. District Judge Marianne O. Battani, United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced. Joining in the announcement was Special Agent-In-Charge Brian Moskowitz, Immigration and Customs Enforcement – Office of Investigations in Detroit (ICE).

Babby pled guilty to conspiracy to commit visa fraud, marriage fraud, and encouraging illegal entry by an alien. As part of his plea, Babby admitted that from August 2002 through December 2005 he participated in a scheme to assist Iraqi foreign nationals in obtaining visas to enter the United States through fraudulent marriages and engagements to United States citizens. Babby admitted to paying U.S. citizens to travel to Amman, Jordan, where they entered into fraudulent marriages or engagements and subsequently filed petitions for their alien spouse or fiancée to obtain an entry visa. As a result of the scheme, at least 10 foreign nationals obtained visas and entered the United States.

Babby will be sentenced on July 30, 2009 and faces up to five years imprisonment and

a \$250,000 fine.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Frances Lee Carlson and Mark Chasteen and was investigated by special agents of ICE.