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**INTERPOL Washington facilitates information that**  
**Leads to arrest of Romanian National**

**Washington, D.C.** - - On June 17, 2009, Romanian citizen Mihai Necolaiciuc was taken into custody without incident in West Palm Beach, Florida in a coordinated effort by special agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and U.S. Marshals Service (USMS). INTERPOL Washington was a facilitator of information that spearheaded a yearlong investigation, resulting in the arrest of Necolaiciuc on violations of U.S. immigration policy.

Necolaiciuc is the subject of an INTERPOL Red Notice requested by the Romanian authorities for corruption abuse of power. He is wanted in Romania for his role in defrauding the government's National Railway System for personal gain and for the misappropriation of approximately \$100 million of government funds.

Necolaiciuc became wanted on an international level in 2007. INTERPOL had been tracking the movements of Necolaiciuc for a prolonged period of time, but due to the sensitivity and nature of the international charges levied against him, it was necessary to align the cooperation of several federal law enforcement agencies prior to executing an arrest.

INTERPOL Washington Director Martin Renkiewicz stated, "The successful arrest of Mihai Necolaiciuc is indicative of INTERPOL's mission to facilitate the vital flow of information to the appropriate law enforcement agencies in these types of complex investigations."

In addition, Director Renkiewicz praised the work of the special agents involved in this arrest, as well as Senior Inspector Joseph DeLuca, a United States Marshals Service liaison to INTERPOL Washington assigned to the USNCB Alien and Fugitive Division.

Necolaiciuc is being detained by ICE pending deportation to Romania where he is facing 15 years imprisonment.