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**FORMER ALAMOGORDO RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO  
CONSPIRACY TO TRANSPORT ILLEGAL ALIENS**

LAS CRUCES – On January 10, 2012, in federal court in Las Cruces, **Mohamed Farooq Husain**, 58, entered a guilty plea to an information charging him with conspiracy to transport illegal aliens within the United States. At the time, Husain committed the offense, he was a resident of Alamogordo, N.M. Husain was released under pretrial supervision and other conditions of release following his arrest on July 27, 2011. He remains on conditions of release pending his sentencing hearing, which has yet to be scheduled. At sentencing, Husain faces a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment.

U.S. Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that Husain was arrested in Las Cruces based on an investigation by Homeland Security Investigations and U.S. Customs and Border Protection establishing that Husain arranged for an illegal alien from Pakistan to travel from New York to New Mexico for the purpose of obtaining a driver's license.

Husain entered a guilty plea to an information charging him with conspiring with others to unlawfully transport undocumented aliens and helping them obtain New Mexico driver's licenses between September 2010 and July 2011. In entering his guilty plea, Husain admitted to facilitating a process that enabled illegal aliens get New Mexico state drivers' licenses. He admitted arranging for illegal aliens to travel to Albuquerque and enter month-to-month leases in an Albuquerque apartment complex. He then arranged for the aliens to take the driver's license tests at a driving school. Husain acknowledged using the Internet to make appointments for the undocumented aliens to apply for drivers' licenses at different offices of the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Department (MVD), and driving the aliens to the MVD offices for their

appointments. If the MVD appointment was at a Las Cruces MVD office, Husain arranged for the aliens to travel back to their homes by way of the El Paso International airport so as to avoid U.S. Border Patrol checkpoints. After the permanent drivers licenses for the undocumented aliens were mailed to the Albuquerque apartments, Husain picked up the drivers' licenses and mailed them to the aliens.

Husain admitted that, from March 2011 through July 2011, he assisted one or two undocumented aliens obtain New Mexico drivers' licenses on a monthly basis.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. PleTERS.

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