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PRESS RELEASE

**MALDEN RESIDENT CONVICTED AND SENTENCED FOR PROVIDING FALSE
INFORMATION AND USING FAKE SOCIAL SECURITY
NUMBER AND FAKE GREEN CARD TO OBTAIN
EMPLOYMENT AT LOGAN AIRPORT**

Boston, MA... A Costa Rican woman residing in Malden, Massachusetts was convicted and sentenced late yesterday in federal court for making false statements and using a false social security number and alien registration card to obtain employment at Logan International Airport.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan, Theodore L. Doherty, Resident Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General, Leo J. Sullivan, Special Agent in Charge of the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, and Steven Farquharson, District Director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in New England, announced that DAMARIS ULLOA, a citizen of Costa Rica, age 36, residing at 63 Durso Avenue, Malden, Massachusetts, and formerly of 114 Irving Street, Everett, Massachusetts, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Rya W. Zobel to making false statements and using a false social security number and a false alien registration card to obtain employment. Immediately after accepting the guilty plea, Judge Zobel sentenced ULLOA to time served - - the seven days ULLOA had been held in custody following her arrest on the charges in February of this year. Judge Zobel also placed ULLOA on supervised release for the next 60 days. Following completion of her supervised release, ULLOA will be deported to her native Costa Rica.

At yesterday's plea hearing, the prosecutor told the Court that had the case proceeded to trial the Government's evidence would have proven that on or about July of 1999, ULLOA obtained employment with Precision Cleaning Company, Inc. Precision Cleaning provides a variety of services for the Secure Identification Display Area ("also known as SIDA") at Logan International Airport. The SIDA area at Logan Airport includes all high security property and areas of the airport including, but not limited to portions of the terminals and baggage areas, as well as cargo facilities, areas beyond pre-departure passenger security screening checkpoints, a/k/a "sterile areas," jet ways, and the Airport Operations Area ("AOA"), i.e. the tarmac, runways, and airfield. An individual having AOA privileges

is said to have "ramp access" to the airfield areas where aircraft are stored and maintained.

As a condition of employment with Precision Cleaning, Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") regulations require each employee working in the SIDA area at Logan Airport to possess a SIDA access badge. SIDA access badges are issued and controlled by the Massachusetts Port Authority ("MassPort") which operates Logan Airport pursuant to FAA regulations. To obtain a SIDA access badge an employee must truthfully complete, sign and submit an "Application for Unescorted Access Privileges at Logan International Airport", which is also known as a Form UA1, to MassPort. FAA regulations prohibit any person from making fraudulent or intentionally false statements in any application for an access or identification badge.

In connection with her application for work at Precision Cleaning, and in order to gain access to the SIDA area at Logan airport, on or about July 22, 1999, ULLOA submitted a signed Form UA1 to MassPort with false information and documentation. Specifically, on her Form UA1, ULLOA used identifying information, which included a false social security account number, a fake social security card, a false alien registration number, fake alien registration card ("green card"), and falsely indicated on the Form UA1 that she was either a United States citizen or an alien with employment authorization or alien registration card.

On or about July 30, 1999, based on the false information provided by ULLOA in her Form UA1, MassPort issued her a Logan Airport SIDA access badge as an employee of Precision Cleaning. Through use of her SIDA badge, and as a worker for Precision Cleaning, ULLOA had access to the SIDA area of Logan Airport, including airport terminals, sterile areas, as well as the Airport Operations Area.

The case was investigated by the Special Agents of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General, the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Antoinette E.M. Leoney in Sullivan's Anti-Terrorism Unit.

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