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**FIFTEEN MORE BAY AREA RESIDENTS CHARGED
WITH FEDERAL PASSPORT OFFENSES**

SAN FRANCISCO – Since July of last year, 15 Bay Area residents have been charged with federal passport offenses, United States Attorney Melinda Haag and Diplomatic Security Service Special Agent in Charge Patrick Durkin announced.

The individuals are part of more than 200 Bay Area residents who have been charged with or prosecuted for false passport offenses since a zero-tolerance approach was implemented in 2007. According to court records and proceedings, the following 15 defendants all made misrepresentations of their identity on applications for United States passports or committed related offenses:

- Alberto Alcazar of Milpitas, Calif., is alleged to have possessed a false identification document when he applied for a passport. Alcazar eluded arrest in July 2010 and remains a DSS fugitive.
- Octavio Ledesma-Gonzalez of San Jose, Calif., was convicted of possessing a false identification document when he applied for a passport. Ledesma-Gonzales was arrested by DSS Special Agents. He was sentenced to one year of probation on July 15, 2010.
- Rumualdo Hernandez-Giar of San Francisco, Calif., is alleged to have applied for a passport using another person's birth certificate. Hernandez-Giar eluded arrest in August 2010 and remains a DSS fugitive.
- Agustin Lagunas of Modesto, Calif., was convicted of possessing a false identification document when he applied for a passport. Lagunas was arrested by DSS Special Agents. He was sentenced to approximately one month in prison on Sept. 15, 2010.

- Jose Luis Gallardo-Rosiles of San Jose, Calif., was convicted of making a false statement in an application for a passport. Gallardo-Rosiles was arrested by DSS Special Agents. He was sentenced to six months of in prison on Feb. 15, 2011.
- Erick Jiminez of San Rafael, Calif., is alleged to have applied for a passport using another person's birth certificate and illegally re-entering the United States. Jiminez eluded arrest in March 2011 and remains a DSS fugitive.
- Doselina Diaz-Hernandez of Milpitas, Calif., was convicted of possessing a false identification document when she applied for a passport. Diaz-Hernandez was arrested by DSS Special Agents. She was sentenced to one year of probation on April 14, 2011.
- Alfredo Ocampo of Santa Rosa, Calif., was convicted of possessing a false identification document when he applied for a passport. Ocampo was arrested by DSS Special Agents. He was sentenced to two years of probation on April 21, 2011.
- Peyton Eidson, formerly of Santa Barbara, Calif., is alleged to have used another person's name while applying for a renewal passport at the American Consulate in Sydney. Eidson was located and arrested by the Australian Federal Police in Queensland, Australia, on June 18, 2011. His case remains in progress.
- Ricky Jacklynn Houser of San Francisco, Calif., is alleged to have applied for a passport using another person's birth certificate. Houser was arrested by DSS Special Agents on July 13, 2011. His case remains in progress
- Ramon Velez Alvarez of Pittsburg, Calif., was convicted of making false statements on a passport application. Velez Alvarez was arrested by DSS Special Agents. He was sentenced to 10 months in prison on July 29, 2011.
- Balwant Singh, formerly of Clearlake, Calif., was convicted of making false statements in a U.S. Passport application and procurement of naturalization unlawfully. Singh was arrested by DSS Special Agents. He was sentenced to five months in prison on Aug. 1, 2011.
- Martha Espinosa Lara of Richmond, Calif., was convicted of possessing a false identification document when she applied for a passport. Martha Lara self-surrendered to DSS Special Agents. She was sentenced to three years of probation on Aug. 2, 2011.
- Alfonso Espinosa Lara of Richmond, Calif., was convicted of possessing a false identification document when he applied for a passport. Alfonso Lara self-surrendered to DSS Special Agents. He was sentenced to three years of probation on Aug. 2, 2011.
- Antonio Virrueta of San Jose, Calif., was convicted of improperly entering the United States. Virrueta was arrested by DSS Special Agents. He was sentenced to approximately three months in prison on Aug. 8, 2011.

The individuals listed above were charged with violating one or more of these federal statutes: 18 U.S.C. § 1542, false statement in application for a passport; 8 U.S.C. 1325, improper entry by an alien; 18 U.S.C. § 1028, fraud in connection with identification documents; 18 U.S.C. 1425, unlawful procurement of citizenship. Any sentence following conviction was or will be imposed by the court after consideration of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and the federal statute governing the imposition of a sentence, 18 U.S.C. § 3553.

Acadia Senese, Jeffrey Schenk, Wade Rhyne, Bradley Price, Lowell Powell, Kyle Waldinger, Susan Phan and Patricia Spaletta are the Assistant U.S. Attorneys who are prosecuting the cases with the assistance legal assistants Rawaty Yim, Rosario Calderon,

Kathleen Turner, Jacquelyn Lovrin, Tracey Anderson and Kamille Singh. The prosecutions are the result of ongoing investigations by the Diplomatic Security Service.

Anyone with information about false or fraudulently issued passports or entry visas, or the whereabouts of the above fugitives, is encouraged to contact DSS at (415) 705-1176.

Please note: These charges contain only allegations against an individual and the defendants must be presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Further Information:

Case #: MJ 10-70593-HRL Alberto Alcazar
Case #: MJ 10-70592-HRL Octavio Ledesma-Gonzalez
Case #: CR 10-00640-JSW Rumualdo Hernandez-Giar
Case#: CR 10-00663-BZ Agustin Lagunas
Case#: CR 10-00874-DLJ Jose Luis Gallardo-Rosiles
Case#: CR 11-00234-SI Erick Jiminez
Case#: CR 11-00111-DMR Doselina Diaz-Hernandez
Case#: CR 10-00792-JL Alfredo Ocampo
Case#: MJ 11-70705-MAG Peyton Eidson
Case#: MJ 11-70755-MAG Ricky Jacklynn Houser
Case#: CR 11-00088-RS Ramon Velez Alvarez
Case#: CR 11-00183-WHA Balwant Singh
Case#: CR 11-00453-DMR Martha Espinosa Lara
Case#: CR 11-00454-DMR Alfonso Espinosa Lara
Case#: CR 11-00294-PSG Antonio Virrueta

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Electronic court filings and further procedural and docket information are available at <https://ecf.cand.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/login.pl>.

Judges' calendars with schedules for upcoming court hearings can be viewed on the court's website at www.cand.uscourts.gov.

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