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PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced ROBERTO MONTEAGUDO-KALINOWSKI, age 39, of Toronto, Ontario, and DAN CSASZAR, age 37, of Stouffville, Ontario, were convicted on Thursday, January 28, 2010, of charges stemming from their attempt to bring an illegal alien to the United States. The conviction of MONTEAGUDO-KALINOWSKI of three felony counts and of CSASZAR of two felony counts of alien smuggling was the culmination of a four day-long trial before United States District Judge Glenn T. Suddaby in Syracuse, New York. Sentencing for MONTEAGUDO-KALINOWSKI and CSASZAR is scheduled for May 28, 2010 in Syracuse, New York. As a result of the convictions, MONTEAGUDO-KALINOWSKI and CSASZAR each face a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment, supervised release of up to 3 years, and a maximum fine of up to \$250,000.

Evidence presented during the trial showed that MONTEAGUDO-KALINOWSKI and CSASZAR drove together to Champlain Port of Entry and were admitted into the United States at 1:53 a.m. on February 11, 2009. Shortly before arriving at the Port of Entry they dropped off an illegal alien from Cuba who then walked around the Port of Entry thereby avoiding United States customs and immigration inspection. MONTEAGUDO-KALINOWSKI and CSASZAR drove to a truck stop located less than a mile from the border in Champlain, New York, parked, and waited for the alien to meet them. MONTEAGUDO-KALINOWSKI and CSASZAR left the

car unlocked and entered the all night restaurant at the truck stop. A United States Border Patrol Agent followed tracks the alien left in the snow and found the alien hiding in the car at 2:10 a.m and arrested him. Follow up investigation revealed that MONTEAGUDO-KALINOWSKI and CSASZAR were in fact waiting for the alien and were going to take him further south into the United States.

The investigation was conducted by the United States Border Patrol, Champlain Station.

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