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INTERNATIONAL FUGITIVE APPREHENDED AND CHARGED WITH
MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS TO FEDERAL AGENTS

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, PETER J. SMITH, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the Department of Homeland Security's United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), JOSEPH R. GUCCIONE, the United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York, and MARTIN RENKIEWICZ, the Director of the United States National Central Bureau of INTERPOL, announced that DIMITRIOS SKAFTOUROS was arrested late yesterday on a charge of making false statements to federal agents about his identity. SKAFTOUROS also is wanted by Greek authorities for the kidnapping and murder of a minor.

According to the criminal Complaint filed in Manhattan federal court, the arrest was the result of an investigation by the United States Marshals Regional Fugitive Task Force ("RFTF"). Based on information provided by Interpol, RFTF investigators identified and stopped SKAFTOUROS. He provided a false name to the agents, as well as a driver's license with the same false name. A fingerprint analysis confirmed that the fingerprints taken of SKAFTOUROS at the time of his arrest matched those provided by Interpol.

United States Magistrate Judge MICHAEL H. DOLLINGER set bail of a \$1 million personal recognizance bond signed by three financially responsible people and secured by \$50,000.

SKAFTOUROS is charged with one count of making false statements to federal officers. If convicted, SKAFTOUROS faces a maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment, a maximum fine of \$250,000, three years' supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative work of ICE and the United States Marshals Service, and thanked Interpol for its assistance.

Assistant United States Attorney EDWARD Y. KIM is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Complaint are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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