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### **LEADER OF SOUTH SACRAMENTO DOCUMENT FRAUD RING SENTENCED**

SACRAMENTO – United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that SONNY RUDY MARTINEZ, age 30, of Sacramento, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. to a term of imprisonment of 40 months. The defendant pleaded guilty on December 12, 2006, to conspiracy to commit both document fraud and Social Security fraud, sale of citizenship documents, aggravated identity theft, and possession of false identification documents.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the United States State Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Sacramento Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michael M. Beckwith, who prosecuted the case, MARTINEZ was the leader of a ring that sold over 5,000 fraudulent identification documents, mostly to illegal immigrants. The ring mainly sold fraudulent green cards and Social Security cards, and occasionally sold valid United States birth certificates. Many of the fraudulent Social Security cards sold by the ring had valid Social Security numbers.

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