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Press Release

USCIS HOUSTON DISTRICT ASSISTS IN ARREST OF AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A WARRANT OF DEPORTATION

HOUSTON- A man wanted on an outstanding warrant of deportation was arrested yesterday after officers from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) discovered that he had a warrant for his removal. Officers from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrested Javier Hamon-Cortes, a native of Colombia, at the Houston Office, as Hamon-Cortes was attempting to file an application for adjustment of status based on marriage to a United States citizen. The violation was uncovered following routine background checks that are conducted for every applicant requesting specific immigration services or benefits

“Public safety is paramount to this agency,” said District Director Sharon Hudson. “When we encounter someone in a USCIS office who has violated the law, we will work with our law enforcement partners to take the appropriate action.”

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On March 1, 2003, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) became one of three former INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing the integrity of our nation's security.