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Press Release

USCIS HARLINGEN DISTRICT ASSISTS IN ARREST OF PAROLE VIOLATOR

MCALLEN, Texas- A man convicted of the possession of 53 lbs. of marijuana was arrested yesterday after officers from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) discovered that he had violated the terms of his parole. Agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrested Sergio A. Hernandez-Gallegos, a native of Mexico, at the McAllen Application Support Center (ASC), as Gallegos was attempting to file an application to renew his green card. The violation was uncovered following routine background checks that are conducted for every applicant requesting an immigration service or benefit.

“We take our responsibility for ensuring public safety seriously,” said Harlingen District Director Alfonso De Leon. “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.