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IMMIGRATION INSPECTOR CHARGED WITH ALIEN SMUGGLING

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today the filing of a criminal complaint charging 52-year-old Francisco Macias, an Immigration Inspector with the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, with alien smuggling.

The complaint alleges that the defendant was responsible for allowing female undocumented aliens to enter the United States from Mexico through the Ysleta Port of Entry in return for sexual favors.

The defendant, who was arrested on March 26, 2004, remains in federal custody. Upon conviction, Macias faces up to five years in federal prison.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security - Office of Inspector General and United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement - Office of Investigations. Assistant United States Attorney Brandy Gardes is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

A complaint is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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