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U.S. Distict Judge Sentences Nebraska City Man

(KLZA) United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg announced that Gerardo Rangel Rojas, a/k/a Ivan Lara Rojas, of Nebraska City, Nebraska was sentenced on Friday, October 5, 2012, to 24 months in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons by United States District Judge John M. Gerrard for brokering Puerto Rican identities and selling in Nebraska City. In addition to his prison term, Rangel Rojas was ordered to forfeit \$2,300 to the United States. He will also serve 3 years of supervised release following his release from prison.

Gerardo Rangel Rojas was one of 53 defendants indicted in a multi-count indictment filed in the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. Rangel Rojas, and others, were alleged to have obtained sets of Government of Puerto Rico-issued birth certificates and corresponding U.S. Social Security Cards, from sources in Puerto Rico, and then sold them to persons in the Nebraska City area. Rangel Rojas was arrested on January 11, 2012, and indicted by a federal grand jury on February 16, 2012.

The case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement / Homeland Security Investigations.

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