

## **MIAMI IMMIGRATION WORKER ARRESTED**

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The government said it has arrested a Department of Homeland Security employee working in downtown Miami on charges of trafficking in immigration documents.

The U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida said Isidro Guerrero Fernandez worked for the department's Citizenship and Immigration Service (CIS) Building, formerly known as the Immigration and Naturalization Service, at 7880 Biscayne Blvd., in the employment authorization documents office.

In the U.S. Attorney's criminal complaint, the government accuses Guerrero, between December 2002 and the present, of conspiring with others to procure fraudulent Employment Authorization Documents (or "EAD cards") for illegal aliens for prices between \$6,500 and \$12,000.

An EAD card is an identification document issued by the Citizenship and Immigration Service. The card is official evidence of an alien's authorization to be work in the United States.

As part of the conspiracy, the government said aliens who were illegally in the United States would meet an associate of Guerrero's at a restaurant near the CIS Building. The associate would then take the aliens to the CIS Building, where Guerrero would meet them and take them to the second floor, where they would be processed for EAD cards to which they were not lawfully entitled.

The government has charged Guerrero with:

- conspiring with others to transfer identification documents issued by the United States, knowing such documents were produced without lawful authority
- obtaining documents prescribed by statute and regulation as evidence of authorized employment in the United States, while
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- knowing the documents to have been unlawfully obtained
- soliciting and accepting bribes while being a public official

Guerrero had an initial appearance Thursday before a Magistrate Judge in Brunswick, Ga., after being arrested, the government said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Curtis Miner is prosecuting the case.