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Imposter Sentenced To Prison For Resume Fraud And Fake Badges

Tampa, Florida – U.S. District Judge James D. Whittemore has sentenced Roy Antigua (55, Miami) to one year and one day in federal prison for making a false statement in a matter within the jurisdiction of the federal government and for wrongfully possessing federal government identification badges. The Court also ordered a money judgment in the amount of \$114,000, the proceeds of the charged criminal conduct. Antigua pleaded guilty on January 6, 2015.

According to court documents, Antigua submitted employment applications to two home health care agencies in which he fraudulently claimed to have been awarded a Master's Degree in Social Work from Boston University. He also submitted a fraudulently created diploma with his applications. Antigua was subsequently hired by both agencies that, in reliance on his false statements, billed Medicare for social work services he had performed for Medicare beneficiaries. Medicare will only pay for social work services performed by individuals holding a Master's Degree in Social Work.

During a search of Antigua's home on August 1, 2012, law enforcement agents found him to be in wrongful and unauthorized possession of colorable imitations of badges purportedly issued by the Department of Defense, Defense Criminal Investigative Service and the National Aeronautic and Space Administration.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Inspector General (OIG), the Department of Homeland Security - OIG, NASA - OIG, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Coast Guard Investigative Service, and the New Port Richey Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bob Mosakowski.

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