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DOMINICAN NATIONAL SENTENCED FOR AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT AND STEALING GOVERNMENT BENEFITS

BOSTON – A Dominican national was sentenced in federal court in Boston yesterday for identity theft, aggravated identity theft, theft of public money, and illegally reentering the United States after being deported.

Isidro Viscaino-Soto, a/k/a Ysidro Vizcaino, 59, a Dominican national residing in Boston, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Patti B. Saris to two years and one day in prison and two years of supervised release. Viscaino-Soto will be subject to deportation proceedings upon completion of his sentence. In March 2019, Viscaino-Soto pleaded guilty to one count of identity theft, one count of aggravated identity theft, one count of theft of public money, and one count of illegal reentry of a deported alien. Viscaino-Soto was arrested and charged by complaint on April 17, 2018, and has been in custody since.

Law enforcement officers in Boston discovered Viscaino-Soto on April 12, 2018, and determined him to be illegally present in the United States. Viscaino-Soto was previously deported on July 31, 2000, after receiving a drug conviction. In addition, Viscaino-Soto used the Social Security number of a U.S. citizen from Puerto Rico in order to receive disability insurance, and in so doing, stole approximately \$9,000 in federally-funded MassHealth benefits.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling; Peter C. Fitzhugh, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston; Michael Mikulka, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations; and Suzanne M. Bump, State Auditor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, made the announcement. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Burzycki of Lelling's Major Crimes Unit prosecuted the case.