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LANCASTER MAN SENTENCED TO 27 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR PERJURY

HARRISBURG- The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania announced that Angel Luis Carrasco-Rivera a/k/a Manuel Calcagno, age 54, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was sentenced today by Chief United States District Court Judge Christopher C. Conner to serve 27 months' imprisonment for committing perjury.

According to United States Attorney Bruce D. Brandler, Carrasco-Rivera was convicted of committing mail fraud in a scheme he devised to obtain more than \$102,000 of unemployment benefits to which he was not entitled. After he was sentenced to serve 18 months in prison for that case in June 2016, it was learned he purposely failed to correct inaccurate information in his Presentence Report regarding his criminal history. It was learned that Carrasco-Rivera was prosecuted and convicted of a drug trafficking crime in Massachusetts in 1991 under the name Manuel Calcagno and was sentenced to a 20-year prison term for that crime. That conviction was not included in Carrasco-Rivera's criminal history in the Presentence Report, resulting in a lower advisory sentencing guideline range in his case. When he was ordered to appear before the court regarding the inaccuracy, Carrasco-Rivera lied under oath to the court when he explained how he became associated with the Calcagno name. He pled guilty to committing the perjury. In sentencing Carrasco-Rivera for the perjury, Chief Judge Conner found that he interfered with the administration of justice by causing an unnecessary expenditure of significant governmental resources to investigate his statements. The sentence for the perjury was imposed to run consecutive to the sentence for the fraud offense.

This matter was investigated by the United States Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, Office of Labor Racketeering and Fraud Investigations. Assistant U.S. Attorney James T. Clancy prosecuted both the fraud and perjury cases.