

PRESS RELEASE

# Individual Pleads Guilty to False Identity Crime

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

## For Immediate Release

U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts

BOSTON – An individual pleaded guilty today in federal court in Boston in connection with fraudulently using the identity of a U.S. citizen.

Alexander Villalona Diaz, 37, previously of Lawrence, pleaded guilty to one count of false representation of a Social Security number and one count of aggravated identity theft. U.S. Senior District Judge Mark L. Wolf scheduled sentencing for Dec. 4, 2023. In December 2020, Villalona Diaz was indicted by a federal grand jury.

Villalona Diaz fraudulently used a Social Security number that was not his when applying for a renewal of a driver's license with the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles in 2016.

The charge of false representation of a Social Security number provides for a sentence of up to five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. The charge of aggravated identity theft provides for a mandatory sentence of two years in prison to be served consecutive to any other sentence imposed, one year of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

The investigation was conducted by Homeland Security Investigation's Document and Benefit Fraud Task Force (DBFTF), a specialized investigative group comprising personnel from various state, local, and federal agencies with expertise in detecting, deterring, and disrupting organizations and individuals involved in various types of document, identity, and benefit fraud schemes.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Michael J. Krol, Acting Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations, in New England; Sharon MacDermott, Special Agent in Charge of the Social Security Administration, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations, Boston Field Division; Roberto Coviello, Special Agent

in Charge of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, in New England; Christina Scaringi, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, Northeast Regional Office; Jonathan Mellone, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General; Jonathan Davidson, Special Agent in Charge of the U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service, Boston Field Office; Ketty Larco-Ward, Inspector in Charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service; John E. Mawn, Jr., Interim Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police; and Massachusetts State Auditor Diana DiZoglio made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam W. Deitch of the Criminal Division is prosecuting the case.

*Updated August 15, 2023*

---

**Topic**

**IDENTITY THEFT**

**Component**

[USAO - Massachusetts](#)