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Subject: Immigration Officer Arrested for Using Fraudulent Documents
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Category: Official Misconduct
Defendant(s): Samuel Nyanteng

Newark – Acting Essex County Prosecutor Carolyn A. Murray, along with officials from Homeland Security and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, announced today that Samuel Nyanteng, a naturalized American who was born in Ghana, was arrested at his Hillside home this morning and charged with perjury, false swearing and conspiracy.

It is alleged that Nyanteng, 33, an immigration officer, who has been employed for the last three years by Homeland Security in Citizenship and Immigration at the Newark office, submitted fraudulent documents and knowingly made false statement to immigration authorities in order to bring another person into the United States from Ghana.

At 6 a.m. today detectives from the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, Homeland Security and ICE executed a search warrant at Nyanteng's home located on Leslie Street in Hillside and took him into custody without incident.

The Honorable Robert H. Gardner, Judge of the Superior Court, has set bail at \$30,000 with a 10 percent option.

His first court appearance is expected to be later this week.

At the time of his arrest, Nyanteng was in line for a promotion. Prior to working for Homeland Security, Nyanteng was employed by the Department of Defense.

The investigation is active and ongoing. No other information is available at this time.

Acting Prosecutor Murray commended Andrew McLees, Special Agent in Charge, Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations Newark Office; and Edward J. Nasiatka, Special Agent in Charge, Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Inspector General in the New York field office; along with officials with the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for their assistance in this investigation.

These are accusations. All defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they enter a guilty plea or are found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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