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IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGENT CHARGED
WITH HARBORING A FUGITIVE

HOUSTON, TX – United States Immigration Enforcement Agent Nora Alvarado, 46, of Humble, Texas, was taken into custody by agents of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General on Thursday, June 1, 2006, United States Attorney Don DeGabrielle announced today. She appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Mary Milloy that afternoon, and was ordered released on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond. She is next scheduled to appear in federal court on June 8, 2006.

Alvarado was indicted by a federal grand jury on Wednesday, May 24, 2006, for harboring and concealing a person from arrest.

The one count indictment alleges that on or about April 29, 2006, Alvarado, while employed as an Immigration and Enforcement Agent with the United States Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, harbored and concealed a person, as to prevent their discovery and arrest, with an outstanding arrest warrant. Alvarado had received notice of the fact that the warrant had been issued.

If convicted of harboring or concealing a person from arrest, Agent Alvarado faces a maximum statutory sentence of five years imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$250,000.

The matter was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Inspector General and the United States Marshal's Service, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel C. Rodriguez.

An indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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