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ICE: Prison Terms for Employers/Conspirators for Harboring, Transporting and Employing Illegal Aliens

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5 residents pled guilty, on July 16, 2010, to knowingly harboring, transporting and employing illegal aliens, as a result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents (such as special agents).

ICE's, an investigation agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), functions are to protect national security, public safety and the integrity of the U.S. borders by enforcing criminal and civil federal laws governing border control, customs, trade and immigration.

The defendants transported and paid cash to these illegal foreign nationals for employment at various work sites, and used various properties to harbor and conceal them, to gain competitive economic advantage over their competition in the chicken industry. The defendants were sentenced to at least 12 to 30 months in prison, with supervised release thereafter, and forfeiture of properties totaling over $1.87 million.

It is important to be proactive in legal compliance:
1. Employers or their personnel should comply with various laws such as immigration, employment and tax law when hiring personnel in the U.S.
2. Before immigration crisis such as investigations, arrests, detention or removal/deportation, families living with or having relatives without legal immigration status in the U.S. should seek professional legal immigration help to legalize their immigration status within legal and ethical boundaries.

For further information, please visit ICE News Release at http://www.ice.gov/pi/nr/1007/100720fortsmith.htm .

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