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U.S. Citizen Pled Guilty to Marriage Fraud & Sponsored Wife is Now a Fugitive

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As a result of an investigation conducted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), on June 22, 2010, a 25-year-old U.S. citizen pled guilty to marriage fraud in that he entered into a phony marriage with a Cambodian national for the purposes of assisting her to evade U.S. immigration law and to obtain U.S. permanent residency.

In exchange for entering into the fraudulent marriage, the U.S. citizen was paid about $7000, and the marriage fraud conspirators also paid for his other various expenses such as his overseas trip to Cambodia to meet with a Cambodian female for the purpose of establishing a bogus relationship to sponsor her to the U.S., and sexual services with a different Cambodian woman.

The Cambodian female arrived in the U.S. using a K-1 fiancée visa. The U.S. citizen and the Cambodian got married. Later, they participated in an immigration marriage interview, and falsely represented to the U.S. immigration official that they had a good faith marriage for the purpose of allowing her to obtain U.S. lawful residency as a spouse. Subsequently, they got divorced.

The U.S. citizen now faces a maximum potential punishment of 10 years imprisonment, $500,000 fine, and supervised release of 6 years.

Marriage fraud is also an extremely serious immigration violation for non U.S. citizens entering/participating in such schemes. The ex-spouse is now a fugitive and is wanted by ICE.

For more information, please see ICE News Release at http://www.ice.gov/pi/nr/1006/100622louisville.htm .

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