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Diego Ibarra Ordered to Remain in Federal Custody at Detention Hearing

MACON, Ga. – A Venezuelan citizen charged by federal criminal complaint with possessing a fraudulent green card will remain in federal custody as requested by the Government at a detention hearing this morning.

Diego Ibarra, 28, of Venezuela, is charged by criminal complaint with possession of a fraudulent document. If convicted, Ibarra faces a maximum of ten years in prison. U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles Weigle ordered Ibarra to be detained pending trial based on evidence of the defendant being a flight risk.

The case is being investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) with critical assistance from FBI, GBI, Athens-Clarke County Police Department, University of Georgia Police Department and Clarke County Sheriff's Office.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mike Morrison is prosecuting the case.

A complaint is only an allegation of criminal conduct, and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law beyond a reasonable doubt.

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