

INS Seeks to Fine Eastern Shore Business

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The Immigration and Naturalization Service notified an **Eastern Shore** nursery yesterday that the agency intends to **fine** the company \$ 44,900 for hiring 26 undocumented workers.

Angelica Nurseries, of Kennedyville, Md., has 30 days to request a hearing to answer charges contained **in** the legal notice. If the company does not, the **fine** becomes automatic.

The notice is the result of an **INS** raid **in** September 1996 that resulted **in** the arrest of 87 undocumented workers at Angelica Nurseries. **INS** agents say they have evidence that the company knowingly hired 26 of the workers **in** violation of federal law. Since 1991, the agency has punished more than 290 Maryland employers, with total **fin**es exceeding \$ 2.5 million.

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