

## **Metro Briefing New York: Manhattan: Marriage Scheme Guilty Plea**

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A woman who the authorities said married more than two dozen illegal immigrants for a fee so that they could obtain green cards and other benefits **pleaded guilty** yesterday and is to be sentenced to six months in jail. The woman, Dezerrie Cortes, 40, of the Bronx, had applied for 27 **marriage** licenses, officials in the **Manhattan** district attorney's office said.

But Ms. Cortes never bothered to divorce any of her husbands, who came from Pakistan, India, Peru, Ecuador and other countries. Ms. Cortes **pleaded guilty** in State Supreme Court in **Manhattan** to offering a false instrument for filing, among other things. Justice Micki A. Scherer is expected to sentence Ms. Cortes to five months of probation in addition to jail time when she is sentenced on Jan. 7. Susan Saulny (NYT)

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