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An <u>immigration attorney</u> with offices in <u>Manhattan</u> and <u>New</u> Jersey has been <u>accused</u> of filing false <u>immigration</u> papers, said Mary Jo White, the United States <u>attorney</u> in <u>New York</u>.

The <u>attorney</u>, Silverio Ramirez, was indicted last week. The indictment charges that he filed fraudulent forms for immigrants with special skills to expedite obtaining visas for clients. Gerald E. Ross, Mr. Ramirez's lawyer, said the charges involved a "tiny, tiny part" of Mr. Ramirez's practice and that he would be found not guilty.

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