

Man Convicted for Providing Fake ID's and Driver Licenses

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A federal jury **convicted** a Manhattan **man** yesterday on charges of bribery, identification fraud and the transport of illegal immigrants in a two-year scheme that prosecutors said involved the purchase of more than 900 **fake drivers' licenses**.

After a two-week jury trial in United States Court for the Southern District of New York, the **man**, Mustafa Ozsusamlar, 60, was found guilty of bribing a public official -- a window clerk at a Washington motor vehicles office -- and of transporting illegal immigrants by van from New York City to Washington, where he **provided** them, for a fee, with false **licenses**.

Mr. Ozsusamlar made at least 70 trips to Washington from the New York area as part of the operation, officials said, and charged \$1,500 to \$2,000 in cash for the trip and a **license**. Most of the immigrants were of Middle Eastern, Russian or Southern Asian descent. It was unclear yesterday what if any penalties or charges they face.

"Many of those obtaining the Washington, D.C., **drivers' licenses** were illegal aliens, and approximately 75 of the individuals later exchanged their fraudulently obtained Washington, D.C., **drivers' licenses** for New York **drivers' licenses**," according to a statement that prosecutors released yesterday.

Mr. Ozsusamlar used fictitious Washington addresses in filling out applications and always went to the window of the clerk he was bribing with cash, Gwendolyn Dean. She processed the applications despite the absence of proof of name, birth date and Social Security number, officials said.

Ms. Dean, 49, was charged as a co-conspirator. She pleaded guilty to two counts of identification document fraud and was sentenced in October to four years and nine months in prison.

Another co-conspirator, Rafet Ozoglu, 42, solicited the immigrants who wanted to obtain new identification and helped transport them, officials said. Mr. Ozoglu, of Brooklyn, pleaded guilty in January to six counts of bribery, theft and the transport of illegal aliens. A sentencing date has not been set.

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