



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS Efforts Lead to Sentencing in Immigration Fraud Case in the CNMI

Sentencing Related to CW Applications for Foreign Workers

SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands – This week, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) efforts led to the sentencing of Arlene Hart for two counts of mail fraud. The defendant was sentenced for her participation in a scheme to defraud the government by submitting fraudulent documents to the USCIS California Service Center (CSC) in support of CNMI-Only Transitional Worker (CW-1) applications for workers from the Philippines.

Hart forged the signatures of the workers on the employment contracts submitted to USCIS and declared that she had non-temporary, full-time employment for the workers, which was not true.

“I’m immensely proud of our combined team of experts who aided in bringing these criminals to justice,” stated USCIS CSC Director Kathy A. Baran. “The CSC will continue playing a key role in USCIS efforts to safeguard the integrity of our immigration laws, protect American workers and safeguard the Homeland. I have every confidence that my team is ready, trained, and poised to do exactly that.”

Hart was sentenced to eight months in prison as well as four months of home confinement, one year of supervised release after incarceration, and 50 hours of community service.

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