

Dominican felon living in Massachusetts sentenced for Illegally reentering U.S. after deportation

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"A repeat convicted felon from the Dominican Republic with a criminal record that goes back nearly 19 years was sentenced on Jan. 4, 2023 in federal court in Boston for reentering the United States illegally after deportation.

Yonathan Leandro Villar, 37, was sentenced by U.S. Senior District Court Judge William G. Young to 30 months in prison.

Today's sentence will run concurrent with a 78-month sentence Villar is currently serving in an unrelated state case. Villar will be subject to deportation proceedings upon completion of his sentence. In December 2020, Villar pleaded guilty to illegal reentry.

Villar illegally entered in United States in 1992 using a fraudulent passport. In October 2015, Villar was encountered by immigration officers who confirmed Villar was illegally present in the United States., In July 2016, he was removed from the United States after being released from federal custody for a false passport application conviction. Sometime thereafter, Villar reentered the United States without having received approval to reapply for admission.

In August 2019 Villar was arrested in Foxboro and charged with narcotics and motor vehicle offenses. Fingerprints obtained from Villar at the time of his arrest positively matched those obtained prior to his removal from the United States in 2016.

Villar has a criminal history that dates back almost 19 years with multiple convictions including for firearms, heroin offenses, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and attempt to fraudulently obtain a passport. He has more than 20 aliases, 15 false dates of births and nine false social security numbers.

United States Attorney Rachael S. Rollins; Matthew B. Millhollin, Special Agent in Charge of Department of Homeland Security Investigations in New England; and Foxborough Police Chief Michael A. Grace made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorney Suzanne Sullivan Jacobus of Rollins' Major Crimes Unit prosecuted the case." -Massachusetts Department of Justice.