

# **Dominican national residing in New Bedford arrested for illegally reentering the US**

A Dominican national was indicted Thursday in federal court in Boston of illegally reentering the United States.

Manuel A. Mendez Pimentel, 44, a Dominican national formerly residing in New Bedford, was indicted on one count of unlawfully reentering the United States after being deported.

According to the indictment, Mendez Pimentel was removed in 2009 and subsequently reentered the United States without permission. The indictment further alleges that Mendez Pimentel was deported after being convicted of an aggravated felony.

Mendez Pimentel faces a sentence of no greater than 20 years in prison, up to three years of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000. Mendez Pimentel will also be subject to deportation proceedings. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling and Marcos D. Charles, Acting Field Office Director, Enforcement and Removal Operations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Boston, made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam W. Deitch of Lelling's Major Crimes Unit is prosecuting the case.

The details contained in the indictment are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.