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**NOTIFICATION – FAKE LAWYER PLEADS GUILTY**

Dear Community Partner in Justice:

Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson announced today that Howard Seidler of Sunset Park has pleaded guilty to larceny and immigrant assistance services fraud for posing as an attorney, when he is not one, and charging thousands of dollars for immigration services which he failed to deliver. Between November 2014 and May 2015, the defendant posted advertisements in Sunset Park identifying himself as an attorney who provides immigration services. Seidler, who is neither licensed nor registered to practice law in New York, faces up to seven years in prison. He is also the first person ever to be charged in New York State under a new law that protects immigrants from fraudulent assistance services. This conviction reflects our determination to protect immigrant communities from con artists who target and prey on immigrants in need.

Sincerely,

Ken Thompson