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GIUSEPPE "JOE" GIUDICE INDICTED FOR OBTAINING A FRAUDULENT DRIVER'S LICENSE

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes announces that on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, the Passaic County Grand Jury returned a two count indictment against Giuseppe (Joe) Giudice, age 40, of Towaco, New Jersey. The indictment charges Giudice with one count of Wrongfully Using Identifying Information of Another, a violation of *NJSA 2C:21-17.2*, a crime of the second degree; and one count of Impersonation, a violation of *NJSA 2C:21-17 (1) (3)*, a crime of the Fourth degree.

The indictment alleges that in June 2010, Giudice obtained a driver's license at the Paterson, New Jersey Motor Vehicle Office using his brother Pietro's identifying information. Giudice's legitimate driver's license was suspended at the time and is currently suspended.

The charges arise out of an investigation conducted by the Financial Crimes Unit of the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office with assistance of investigators from the Motor Vehicle Commission and the Lincoln Park Police Department. The investigation began when the Lincoln Park Police Department checked Pietro Giudice's driver's license pursuant to a routine traffic stop. When the officer ran Pietro Giudice's driver's information through the mobile data terminal, the license contained Pietro Giudice's information but contained Giuseppe Giudice's photograph. Subsequent investigation revealed that Giuseppe Giudice had obtained a New Jersey driver's license utilizing Pietro Giudice's marriage and birth certificates.

The Wrongfully Using Identifying Information of Another, a crime of the second degree, is punishable by up to ten years in State prison; and Impersonation, a crime of the fourth degree, is punishable by up to eighteen months in State Prison.

Passaic County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Jay W. McCann is prosecuting the case against Giudice. If you have any questions, please contact Chief Assistant Prosecutor McCann at (973) 837-7616 or jmccann@passaiccountynj.org

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