Forging a New Legacy

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19 Terrorists
364 Aliases
26 State-Issued Identification Documents
1 Chance Is All a Terrorist Needs

Do the Right Thing
Stop Document and Identity Fraud

Report Suspicious Activity:
1-866-DHS-2-ICE
1-866-347-2423

www.ice.gov
18 USC 1028A

Aggravated Identity Theft

• “Knowingly transfers, possesses, or uses, without lawful authority, a means of identification of another person.”

• Mandatory 2 year sentence

• The question is whether the “knowingly” requirement extends through the entire clause, requiring the Government to show that the defendant knew that the identification he used belonged to another person

• U.S. Supreme Court and Flores-Figueroa v. United States

• Flores-Figueroa used the false identity to obtain employment at a steel plant in Illinois.
Counterfeit Documents
Why It Matters…

“Fraud in identification documents is no longer just a problem of theft. At many entry points to vulnerable facilities, including gates for boarding aircraft, sources of identification are the last opportunity to ensure people are who they say they are and to check whether they are terrorists.”

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