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**FORMER FEDERAL AGENT PLEADS GUILTY
TO BRIBERY AND FRAUD**

Clifton Divers, 49, of Detroit, Michigan pleaded guilty today to charges of bribery and conspiracy to defraud the United States, announced U.S. Attorney Matthew Schneider.

Joining in the announcement was Giovanni Tiano, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit, Michigan office of the Department of Homeland Security – Office of Inspector General, Manny Muriel, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit, Michigan office of the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigations, Special Agent in Charge David P. Gelios, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Detroit Division, Special Agent in Charge John F. Oleskowicz of the Chicago Field Office of the U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General and Keith Barwick, Special Agent in charge of ICE OPR Northeast Region.

Clifton Divers pleaded guilty before United States District Judge Avern Cohn in Detroit, Michigan.

According to court records, Divers was a Special Agent with the Detroit office of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement – Homeland Security Investigations. Divers admitted to conspiring with attorney Charles Busse to impair, obstruct, and defeat the lawful function of the U.S. Department of

Homeland Security by dishonest means. Divers also admitted to accepting a thing of value in return for acting in violation of his official duties as a law enforcement agent. The crimes are alleged to have occurred between 2013 and 2015.

“Law enforcement officials who abuse their positions of trust will be met with the full force of the law,” stated United States Attorney Matthew Schneider. “I commend the dedication and commitment of the agencies involved in conducting a comprehensive criminal investigation into corruption activities that targeted the federal immigration system.”

DHS-OIG Special Agent in Charge Tiano stated, “Let this plea stand as an example to all that the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Inspector General, will relentlessly pursue and bring to justice greed driven law enforcement officials who misuse their positions to commit selfish crimes and weaken our national security.”

“The ICE Office of Professional Responsibility is committed to working closely with our law enforcement partners to identify and aggressively investigate all allegations of corruption,” said Keith Barwick, special agent in charge of ICE OPR Northeast Region. “Whenever public officials break the law, particularly those persons sworn to serve and protect the public, we must do everything we can to hold them accountable.”

A sentencing date will be set by the court.

The investigation was conducted by the Office of Inspector General of the U.S Department of Homeland Security, the Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigations, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General and Immigration and Customs Enforcement – Office of Professional Responsibility.