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Jamaican citizen sentenced to prison for illegally re-entering US

ROANOKE, Va. – A previously deported immigrant from Jamaica was sentenced Friday for illegally re-entering the United States without permission, after having been convicted of an aggravated felony.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO).

Andrew Anthony Maylor, who was deported in 2008 after being released from prison from a 1993 conviction for federal drug conspiracy charges, was sentenced to 57 months of federal incarceration for illegally re-entering the United States after having been previously removed, and for 37 additional months for violation of his prior term of supervised release, for a total of 94 months.

"Mr. Maylor's blatant disregard for the criminal and immigration laws of the United States have been judged today. When aggravated felons re-enter the United States, we will continue to focus our resources on smart, effective enforcement that targets these individuals and work with our partners to aggressively prosecute them," said M. Yvonne Evans, field office director for ERO Washington, D.C. "We continue to strive to improve the quality of life for our communities through these efforts."

"Mr. Maylor committed a serious felony in the early 1990's and was justly punished for that crime and deported," U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia Timothy J. Heaphy said today. "He committed another crime when he re-entered the United States without authorization. We will do all we can to enforce federal immigration laws, which help keep criminals like Mr. Maylor out of this country."

According to court documents, Mr. Maylor admitted to re-entering the United States, without permission, on Feb. 4, 2011. He admitted that he came into Miami by boat without inspection and that he never applied for re-entry to the Attorney General of the United States or the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Wright prosecuted the case for the United States.

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