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**DISTRICT ATTORNEY VANCE ANNOUNCES GUILTY VERDICT  
IN CASE OF PHONY CHINATOWN IMMIGRATION CONSULTANT**

*LINYAN ZOU and XIAO LING CHEN Fraudulently Posed as Immigration Consultants to Prey on  
the Chinese Immigrant Community*

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., today announced the guilty verdict in the case against LINYAN ZOU, a/k/a “Kevin You,” who along with his co-defendant, XIAO LING CHEN, a/k/a “Linda” Chen, operated a fraudulent immigration consultation business in Chinatown between November 2006 and August 2009. ZOU was found guilty of Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree, Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, violating the Immigration Assistance Services Law of the New York City Administrative Code, Criminal Impersonation in the Second Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree. ZOU will be sentenced on December 21, 2010. On November 17, 2010, CHEN pled guilty to violating the Immigration Assistance Services Law of the New York City Administrative Code. She will be sentenced on January 4, 2011.

“Keeping this city’s immigrant population safe is one of my top priorities,” said District Attorney Vance. “This case marked the first time that the New York City’s Immigration Assistance Services Law was criminally enforced, and it brings me great satisfaction that its application resulted in a successful prosecution. Today’s verdict should send a strong message that predatory practices against immigrants will not be tolerated.”

District Attorney Vance thanked Assistant District Attorneys Leah Keith and Douglas Kaufman, who prosecuted the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Daysi Mejia, Attorney-in-Charge of the District Attorney’s Office’s Immigrant Affairs Program, and Assistant District Attorney Thomas Wornom, Chief of Special Prosecutions Unit. Jacob Pang, Michelle Hershkowitz, Robert Stahl and the District Attorney’s Detective Squad also assisted in the prosecution.

District Attorney Vance also thanked Immigration Officer Terry Shaw of the Office of Fraud Detection & National Security within U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services, New York City Field Office, and the Executive Office for Immigration Review within the U.S. Department of Justice.

Defendant Information:

LINYAN ZOU, a/k/a “Kevin You,” D.O.B. 9/1962

Address Unknown

Convicted:

- Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree, a class E felony, 1 count
- Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a class D felony, 2 counts
- Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a class D felony, 2 counts
- Criminal Impersonation in the Second Degree, a class A Misdemeanor, 1 count
- Immigration Assistance Services Law, New York City Administrative Code, a class A Misdemeanor, 8 counts

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