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# Transporting, Harboring, or Inducing an Alien - 8 U.S.C. §1324

#### TRANSPORTING ALIENS INTO THE UNITED STATES:

#### <u>Elements</u>

- 1. Knowing that a person is an alien
- 2. Bringing or attempting to bring the alien
- 3. To the United States
- 4. At a place other than a port of entry or other authorized place

# Criminal Penalty

- Imprisonment:
  - Maximum of 10 years
  - Maximum of 20 years if involving serious bodily injury or placing any person's life in jeopardy
  - Maximum of life in prison if violation results in death of any person.
- Fine:
  - Maximum of twice the gross pecuniary gain to the defendant or loss to another person
  - o \$250,000 maximum for an individual
  - o \$500,000 maximum for an organization

# TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE UNITED STATES:

# <u>Elements</u>

- 1. Defendant transported an alien in the United States
- 2. Alien was in United States in violation of law
- 3. The Defendant knew this fact
- 4. Defendant knew or had reason to know that the alien's last entry into the United States was in the last three years
- 5. Defendant acted willfully in furtherance of the alien's violation of the law

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