



## United States Attorney's Office District of Connecticut Press Release

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### **CALIFORNIA WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL SMUGGLING CHARGE**

Nora R. Dannehy, Acting United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that YI CHIEH REN, also known as "Vanessa Chu" and "Yi Chieh Chu," 38, of San Jose, California, pleaded guilty today before United States Magistrate Judge Joan G. Margolis in New Haven to one count of smuggling goods from the United States.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, in December 2007, REN shipped a Trijicon Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight via United States Postal Service Priority Mail from San Jose to an unindicted co-conspirator in Taiwan. In doing so, REN falsely described the contents and value of the shipment on a Customs Declaration and Dispatch Note that falsely described the contents and value of the shipment.

REN is scheduled to be sentenced by United States District Judge Janet Bond Arterton on July 31, 2009, at which time REN faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case is being investigated by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service of the U.S. Department of Defense, Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the United States Department of Homeland Security, the Office of Export Enforcement of the United States Department of Commerce, and the United States Postal Inspection Service. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Edward Chang.

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