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Press Release

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CALIFORNIA RESIDENT WHO MADE FALSE STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY PARTS EXPORTS IS SENTENCED

Nora R. Dannehy, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that STUART WAX, 52, of Los Angeles, California, and his company, M.M.M. Wheels, Inc., each was sentenced today by Senior United States District Judge Alfred V. Covello in Hartford to one year of probation for making a false statement in an export control document. On April 2, 2009, WAX and M.M.M. Wheels, Inc. each pleaded guilty to the charge.

According to documents previously filed with the court and statements made in court, on May 5, 2003, WAX, doing business as M.M.M. Wheels, Inc., caused a shipment of aircraft parts used in the F-4 fighter jet to be sent to a company in Israel. On the Federal Express documents accompanying the shipment, WAX caused the contents to be described as "plumbing parts for repair," although WAX knew that the contents actually were parts for military aircraft. The military aircraft parts cannot be exported without a license from the United States government.

In addition to the term of probation imposed today, WAX and M.M.M. Wheels, Inc., have been barred from possessing, or conducting any transactions involving, controlled United States military parts or equipment, as defined by regulations issued by the Departments of Defense, State and Commerce.

This matter was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the United States Department of Commerce. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Henry K. Kopel.

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