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**NEWS RELEASE**

**July 27, 2004** - United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a one-count [Indictment](#)\* charging **Sotaro Inami** and **Takashi Matsubara** with conspiracy to violate the Arms Export Control Act, Title 22, United States Code, Section 2778(b)(2), in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371. It is alleged that between on or about September 2003 through February 2004, the defendants conspired to unlawfully export from the United States AN/PEQ2a laser sights used on M-16 rifles.

<b>DEFENDANT</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>AGE [Date of Birth]</b>
Sotaro Inami	2-24-2 Nishkubo, Tokyo, Japan	February 14, 1974 Age 30
Takashi Matsubara	1-12-5 Setominami Kochi City, Japan	unknown

If convicted of these offenses, both defendants are exposed to a sentence of 10 years imprisonment, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$1,000,000 fine.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the Naval Criminal Investigation Service, and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Wendy Kelly.

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