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CALIFORNIA RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY PARTS EXPORTS

Nora R. Dannehy, Acting United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, today announced that STUART WAX, 51, of Los Angeles, California, pleaded guilty today before Senior United States District Judge Alfred V. Covello in Hartford to one count of making a false statement in an export control document. WAX entered the plea both for himself, and on behalf of his company, M.M.M. Wheels, Inc.

According to documents 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.

Judge Covello has scheduled sentencing for September 10, 2009, at which time WAX faces a maximum term of imprisonment of five years and a fine of up to \$250,000. M.M.M. Wheels, Inc. faces a maximum penalty of five years of probation and a fine of \$500,000.

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

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