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INDONESIAN ARMS DEALER SENTENCED TO 48 MONTHS IN PRISON

An Indonesian businessman who had been convicted of violating the Arms Export Control Act was sentenced to a term of 48 months in prison and had \$600,000 forfeited to the government, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced.

U.S. Attorney Murphy was joined in the announcement by Brian M. Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Richard Zott, Resident Agent in Charge, Central Field Office, of the Defense Criminal Investigative Service of the U.S. Department of Defense.

The defendant, HADIANTO DJOKO DJULIARSO, age 41, of Jakarta, Indonesia will be deported from the United States at the end of his jail term. The sentence was imposed by U.S. District Court Judge John Feikens.

The sentence resulted from DJULIARSO's attempts to purchase military equipment, including radar and guidance parts for military aircraft, and smuggle those items out of the United States. As part of the same scheme DJULIARSO and other members of the conspiracy also took steps to purchase and illegally export millions of dollars worth of machine guns, sniper rifles and other weapons, and also made inquiries into purchasing Sidewinder missiles and a large quantity of strafing ammunition.

United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy said, "Strict controls are in place to prevent sophisticated U.S. military equipment from falling into the wrong hands. In this case, decisive federal law enforcement action interrupted a plot to illegally export strategic military equipment from the United States, apprehended the four arms dealers, and sent them to prison."

"This case reveals the importance of keeping sensitive US military components out of the wrong hands," said Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in Detroit. "The joint work of ICE and DCIS halted the illegal proliferation of arms and strategic technology."

Special Agent in Charge Richard Zott, of the DCIS Central Field Office, stated "One of the highest priorities of DCIS is to keep sensitive military munitions and equipment from illegal theft and proliferation. DCIS, along with ICE, has been successful in stemming the illegal flow of these items, and we will continue to aggressively pursue any potential violations of law."

The underlying scheme was uncovered by federal agents working in Michigan and Hawaii, who arrested the targets before any of the defense articles were allowed to leave the country. Agents of the Department of Homeland Security and agents of the Department of Defense also confiscated over \$600,000 in funds which DJULIARSO and others had transferred to the United States to pay for the first shipment of defense equipment.

U.S. Attorney Murphy reported that all four of the defendants charged by his office in this case have been convicted and sentenced.

On May 3, 2007, co-defendant IBRAHIM BIN AMRAN, age 46, of Singapore, was sentenced to a term of 48 months' imprisonment.

On April 26, 2007, co-defendant IGNATIUS FERDINANDUS SOEHARLI, age 50, of Indonesia, was sentenced to a term of 36 months' imprisonment.

In December of 2006, co-defendant DAVID BEECROFT, age 44, of the United Kingdom, was sentenced to 8 months imprisonment. Upon his release from prison, BEECROFT was immediately deported from the United States. Defendants BIN AMRAN and SOEHARLI will also be deported from the United States after they have served their terms in prison.

The Arms Export Control Act and other provisions of U.S. law impose controls on the export of defense articles, munitions and military equipment.

The case was investigated by special agents of the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Department of Defense, Criminal Investigative Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Bruce Judge and Julie Beck.