



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

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**HONG KONG RESIDENT CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTING  
TO SMUGGLE MILITARY WEAPONS SCOPES**

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut; Kathryn Feeney, Resident Agent in Charge for the Defense Criminal Investigative Service; Darryl W. Jackson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, and Bruce M. Foucart, Special Agent-in-Charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, today announced that a federal grand jury in New Haven has returned an Indictment charging WAI LIM WILLIAM LAM, age 32, of Hong Kong, with one count of attempting to smuggle goods from the United States. The Indictment was returned yesterday, October 25.

According to the Indictment, LAM purchased five weapons scopes, including a night-vision rifle scope, two submersible night-vision monoculars, a night-vision sniper scope, and a combat optical sight, in Stamford, Connecticut, and attempted to ship the scopes to Hong Kong.

"We and our federal law enforcement partners are committed to preventing the illegal export of sensitive military technology to ensure that it does not fall into the wrong hands," U.S. Attorney O'Connor stated.

LAM was arraigned this afternoon before United States Magistrate Judge William I. Garfinkel in Bridgeport. Judge Garfinkel ordered LAM detained pending trial.

"This investigation exemplifies the Defense Criminal Investigative Service's dedication to proactively identify prohibited individuals and groups who intend to illegally acquire U.S. military hardware and technology," stated Kathryn Feeney, Resident Agent in Charge for the Defense Criminal Investigative Service.

If convicted, LAM faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

"The charges and arrest announced today confirm our resolve to keep the most sensitive goods out of the most dangerous hands," said Darryl W. Jackson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement. "I congratulate the efforts of all of the law enforcement authorities involved."

“Stopping the illegal export of munitions and sensitive technology remains one of ICE’s top priorities,” said Bruce M. Foucart, Special Agent-in-Charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Office of Investigations. “U.S. critical technology is an important asset to our national security, and ICE is completely committed to keeping this sensitive technology out of the hands of those who may mean us harm.”

U.S. Attorney O’Connor stressed that an indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to a fair trial at which it is the Government’s burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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

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