



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

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**DOD EMPLOYEE INDICTED FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS, FAILING TO DISCLOSE FOREIGN CONTACTS**

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, today announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Bridgeport has returned an indictment charging BEATRICE C. RUIZ, age 55, of 25 Chestnut Street, Norwalk, Connecticut, with three counts of making a false statement and three counts of concealing material facts in connection with a matter within the jurisdiction of the Executive branch of the United States. The indictment was returned yesterday, March 14.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, RUIZ, a U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) engineer at the Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation in Stratford, Connecticut, is alleged to have used her official computer and telephone to conduct a private consulting business with foreign persons, companies and countries. When questioned about these activities and when completing security documentation and forms in connection with her security clearance, RUIZ is alleged to have failed to disclose these foreign contacts and activities in response to direct questions.

RUIZ was arrested on December 8, 2006. If convicted, RUIZ faces a maximum term of imprisonment of five years and a fine of up to \$250,000 on each count. 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.

This case was investigated by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service of the Department of Defense. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James K. Filan, Jr.

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