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## SHREVEPORT MAN ARRAIGNED ON FEDERAL CHARGES IN CASE INVOLVING THREAT TO CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

Defendant pleads not guilty to charges in indictment

Shreveport, Louisiana . . . LLOYD DEWITT TILLER, JR., 59, of Shreveport, appeared in United States District Court today and pleaded not guilty to the charges of sending threatening interstate communication, United States Attorney Donald W. Washington announced.

TILLER appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mark L. Hornsby in Shreveport, Louisiana.

U.S. Attorney Washington stated: "This defendant is essentially accused of threatening to injure the Minister of Finance of Canada. He is presumed innocent until proven guilty. As a result of the charges he faces, there has been significant media attention especially from members of the Canadian press. At this stage of the prosecution, this office will not provide additional information until the case is resolved by a jury trial or a guilty plea."

This case was investigated by the United States Department of State Diplomatic Security Service and the Shreveport Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert W. Gillespie, Jr.

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