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NEWS RELEASE

Patrick Meehan, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and Wan J. Kim, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, announced today the filing of a 1-count information¹ charging KIA REID with sending a note threatening violence to her supervisor at work, in an attempt to interfere with the supervisor's federally protected employment activity, and because the supervisor is an Arab-American in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 245 (b)(2)(C).

According to the information, during the early morning hours of Monday, October 2, 2006, REID left an anonymous threatening letter in her supervisor's office at the Sheraton Suites Hotel in Philadelphia. REID had affixed to the note words and phrases which appeared to be cut from publications, including the phrases "REMEMBER 9/11," "You and your kids will pay," "tie onto the fence," "strategically planned," and "death."

REID faces a maximum sentence of 1 year imprisonment, a 1 year period of supervised release, a \$100,000 fine, and a \$25 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

| NAME | ADDRESS | YEAR OF BIRTH |
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| KIA REID | 6500 block Allman Street Philadelphia, PA | 1971 |

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Jeffery Whitt and Trial Attorney Eric L. Gibson from the Civil Rights Division.

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¹An information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.