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## **MAN SENTENCED TO OVER SIX YEARS IN PRISON FOR MAKING THREATS TO KILL THE PRESIDENT AND A FEDERAL JUDGE**

Atlanta, GA - MICHAEL DISCH, 37, of Wheaton, Illinois, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Thomas Thrash on charges of making threats to injure and kill a federal judge and the President of the United States.

“By threatening the President and a federal judge, this defendant committed serious crimes by which he intended to disrupt our criminal justice system,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “He also caused the government to expend resources to investigate the threats, which we must take seriously in every case. He will now pay by spending six and-a-half more years in prison.”

DISCH was sentenced to serve 77 months in prison, which will run consecutively to his state prison sentence, to be followed by three years of supervised release. DISCH was convicted of these charges on May 15, 2006.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: In June and August of 2004, while incarcerated on state charges in Georgia, DISCH made two death threats in violation of federal law. First, DISCH made a series of interstate telephone calls from Atlanta, Georgia to the U.S. Courthouse in Chicago, Illinois, relaying threats to injure and kill a U.S. District Court Judge who had previously sentenced DISCH on unrelated charges. In addition, DISCH sent a letter via U.S. Mail to the White House, in Washington, D.C., threatening to kill the President. Both threats were investigated. Federal law enforcement found no evidence indicating that DISCH had prepared to carry through on his threats, or that the targets were in any danger.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and U.S. Secret Service.

Assistant United States Attorney Justin S. Anand prosecuted the case.

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