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MAN WHO THREATENED PRESIDENT, OTHERS **SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON**

Atlanta, GA - JAMES HERMAN BARTHOLOMAI, 35, of Johnson City, Tennessee, was sentenced today by United States District Judge Richard W. Story on charges of threatening to kill the President, Vice President and three cabinet-level officials.

“We take very seriously threats to government officials, which are also threats to the security of our country,” said United States Attorney David E. Nahmias. “This defendant made specific threats of violence against the President, Vice President, Attorney General, Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense, and is now going to spend more time in federal prison as a result.”

BARTHOLOMAI was sentenced to 3 years, 1 month in prison to be followed by 3 years of supervised release. BARTHOLOMAI was convicted of these charges on June 29, 2006.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: On August 26, September 15 and September 29 of 2004, BARTHOLOMAI, while serving time for similar threats, wrote several letters while at the U.S. Penitentiary-Atlanta, and made a threatening statement to a Special Agent of U.S. Secret Service. In one letter BARTHOLOMAI declared, “a darkness is upon America..a darkness with names George W. Bush, Dick Cheney...(etc.)” “I am the avenger..a terror and an act of treason shall begin..with their death my quest to bring down the American government.” At his sentencing today, BARTHOLOMAI said he needed mental health care, and Judge Story ordered continued psychological treatment as well as alcohol abuse counseling and treatment while in prison.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the United States Secret Service, with the assistance of the FBI, and the Office of Inspector General-United States Department of Justice.

Assistant United States Attorney Jane Wilcox Swift prosecuted the case.

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