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## **CALIFORNIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MAKING BOMB THREATS TO TURNER FIELD**

Atlanta, GA - DANTE M. SUGUITAN, 39, of San Jose, California, pleaded guilty today in federal district court to charges of making telephonic bomb threats.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said, "We have zero tolerance for false threats to bomb facilities and harm innocent people. False threats divert investigative and other resources from the very real terrorist threats that exist, and individuals who make false threats will face federal prosecution and prison time."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: On August 10, 2005, and August 11, 2005, employees of Turner Field, the home venue for the Atlanta Braves Major League Baseball team, received a series of telephonic bomb threats. The caller stated that there were bombs placed inside the park that were set to explode at different times while the Atlanta Braves were playing against the San Francisco Giants. The threats were addressed by Turner Field Security, the Atlanta Police Department, and the FBI, with heightened security measures taken throughout the remaining games of the series.

Subsequent investigation identified the caller's telephone number and subscriber as DANTE M. SUGUITAN. On October 26, 2005, a federal grand jury returned an indictment charging SUGUITAN with five counts of making false bomb threats by means of a telephone, an instrument of interstate commerce. He pleaded guilty to all five counts in federal court today. Each count carries a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years and a maximum fine of \$250,000.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 11, 2008, at 2 p.m., before United States District Judge Marvin H. Shoob.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney Glenn D. Baker is prosecuting the case.

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