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PRISONER SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MAILING THREATS TO FEDERAL JUDGES

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that LUIS SILVEIRA, 36, Westville, Indiana, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney to 84 months incarceration following his guilty plea to Mailing Threatening Communications. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Between February and April, 2007, SILVEIRA, an Indiana state inmate housed at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility, in Carlisle, Indiana, sent four letters containing threatening language, the word "Anthrax," a razor blade and a powdery white substance through the U.S. mail to two federal judges in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Cynthia J. Ridgeway, who prosecuted the case for the government, SILVEIRA's sentence will run consecutively to his state sentence, which will be completed in 2012. Following completion of the federal sentence, Judge McKinney ordered SILVEIRA to be placed on supervised release for three years.

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