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LAWRENCEVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR MAILING THREATS TO KILL THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Atlanta, GA - MICHAEL ROBERT DEJONG, 22, of Lawrenceville, Ga., was indicted by a federal grand jury late yesterday on charges of mailing a letter in which he threatened to kill the President of the United States. DEJONG will be scheduled for an initial appearance and bond hearing some time within a week.

United States Attorney David E. Nahmias said, "A threat against the life of the President must be taken seriously no matter the circumstances. We have no tolerance for those who make such threats and they will face federal prosecution."

According to United States Attorney Nahmias, the charges and other information presented in court: While DEJONG was housed in the Gwinnett County Jail serving time on other charges, he mailed a letter addressed to "Clerk of Courts, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30045." That letter contained specific threats to kill the President of the United States, and called for others to join him. He also indicated that the letter contained anthrax. No toxic substance was found in the letter.

The indictment charges one count of sending threatening communications through the U.S. mail containing threats to the life of the President of the United States, George W. Bush. The charge carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case is being investigated by Special Agents of the United States Secret Service.

Assistant United States Attorney Katherine Monahan is prosecuting the case.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment contains only allegations. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.

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