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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - January 12, 2009

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that today Tina Kafka pled guilty and was sentenced in federal court in San Diego by United States District Judge M. James Lorenz to serve two years of probation, and a special assessment of \$25. Judge Lorenz accepted Ms. Kafka's plea of guilty to a charge of unlawful access to stored communications, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2701.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicole Acton Jones, who prosecuted the case, in connection with her guilty plea Ms. Kafka admitted that between December 2006 and November 7, 2007, she intentionally accessed Explorer Elementary Charter School's email server without authorization. Specifically, Ms. Kafka admitted that she accessed the email server by logging into email accounts assigned to at least 16 other employees, without their permission. Ms. Kafka further admitted that after she gained unauthorized access to the email server, she obtained access to both opened and unopened email messages that were stored on the server.

This case was investigated by Special Agents assigned to the Cybercrime Squad of the San Diego

Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**DEFENDANT**

**Case Number: 08CR3367-L**

Tina Kafka

**SUMMARY OF CHARGE**

One Count - Title 18, United States Code, Section 2701 (Unlawful Access to Stored Communications)

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