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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO THREATENING FEDERAL OFFICIALS IN ARIZONA

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - February 25, 2009

San Diego, CA - United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that yesterday Julian Javier Salazar-Martinez entered a guilty plea in federal court in Phoenix, Arizona to two counts of Threatening a Federal Official.

According to Christopher P. Tenorio, who is prosecuting the case, Salazar-Martinez admitted that in July 2008, he threatened to assault or murder the United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, the Honorable Diane J. Humetewa, and Assistant United States Attorney Bret Alexander, District of Arizona. The charges stem from a letter Salazar-Martinez attempted to send to U.S. Attorney Humetewa and Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexander. Salazar-Martinez threatened to harm U.S. Attorney Humetewa and AUSA Alexander if they discharged their official duties in the prosecution of Salazar-Martinez for violation of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326 - Re-entry After Deportation, a felony.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California is handling this matter since it involves the District of Arizona's own employees as victims.

The defendant will be sentenced in federal court in Phoenix, Arizona on June 1, 2009.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: CR081119PHX

Julian Javier Salazar-Martinez

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 115(a)(1)(B) - Threatening a Federal Official
Maximum Penalties: Six years' imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine.

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