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## **PRISONER CHARGED WITH 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 indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for Mailing Threatening Communications, following an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

The indictment alleges that from February to April, 2007, SILVERIA, an Indiana state inmate housed at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility, in Carlisle, Indiana, sent four letters containing threatening language 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 is prosecuting the case for the government, SILVERIA faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled in the near future before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Terre Haute, Indiana.

**The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.**

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