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Silver Spring, Maryland Woman Arrested on Charges of Supplying People's Republic of China with Controlled Technology

WASHINGTON - A Silver Spring, MD woman, Yaming Nina Qi Hanson, has been arrested on charges of supplying the People's Republic of China (PRC) with controlled technology without the required license, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor, Matthew G. Olsen, Acting Assistant Attorney General for National Security, U.S. Department of Justice, Joseph Persichini, Jr., Assistant Director in Charge, FBI Washington Field Office, and Kevin A. Delli-Colli, Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement, U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") announced today.

Qi Hanson, 51, who was charged in a single count criminal complaint, was arrested yesterday by law enforcement authorities and presented this afternoon. A preliminary hearing has been set for Tuesday, February 17, 2009, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia before Magistrate Judge Alan Kay.

If convicted of the charge, Hanson faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and/or a \$1,000,000 fine.

According to the affidavit in support of the complaint, in August 2008, Qi Hanson knowingly illegally exported controlled items to China, consisting of miniature Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Autopilots ("UAV"), in violation of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act ("IEEPA"). The illegal export contained components manufactured in Canada, and are the world's smallest UAV autopilots. It is illegal to export Department of

Commerce-controlled electronic items to China without an export license for specified end-users. The items, known as dual-use technology, are controlled by the Department of Commerce for export to China for national security reasons.

In announcing the arrest, U.S. Attorney Taylor, Acting Assistant Attorney General Olsen, FBI Assistant Director in Charge Persichini, and Acting Commerce Assistant Secretary Delli-Colli praised FBI Special Agent Kristen B. Komer, and Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, Special Agent in Charge Rick Shimon, Assistant Special Agent in Charge Robert Luzzi, and Special Agent Philip Kuhn. They also thanked Department of Justice Trial Attorneys Heather M. Schmidt and Richard S. Scott of the Counterespionage Section of the Department of Justice, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Anthony Asuncion and M. Jeffrey Beatrice, who are prosecuting this matter.

A complaint is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of criminal laws and every defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

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