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SAN ANTONIO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTING TO EXPORT SENSITIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT

United States Attorney Robert Pitman and ICE-HSI Special Agent in Charge Jerry Robinette announced that 53-year-old Andrew Silcox pleaded guilty to violating the Arms Export Control Act.

Appearing before Chief U.S. District Judge Fred Biery, Silcox pleaded guilty to one count of illegal export of munitions list item.

By pleading guilty, Silcox, who is in the business of purchasing surplus Department of Defense equipment and then reselling it, admitted that beginning in May 2010, he sold one, and subsequently attempted to sell three more, Naval Radar Control Unit AN/SPS-40B/C/D parts, also known as a Sensitivity Time Control Generator Assembly, for an agreed upon price of approximately \$6,500 each to an undercover ICE-HSI agent. These particular units are covered by the U.S. Munitions List and require a State Department license for exportation.

The undercover agent told Silcox he was a broker for a buyer in the United Arab Emirates and inquired as to how Silcox would get the export license. Silcox admitted in court documents that he knew he needed the license, however, he never attempted to get a license and used false information on the shipping labels to disguise the actual contents. Silcox was arrested by ICE-HSI agents in San Antonio on October 21, 2011, when he attempted to sell the other three units.

Silcox faces up to 20 years in federal prison. Sentencing is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on February 24, 2012. Silcox is currently on bond pending sentencing.

This case was investigated by agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations together with the Department of Defense, Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS) and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark Roomberg.

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