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ARIZONA BUSINESS OWNER SENTENCED FOR IRANIAN EXPORT OFFENSES

David C. Weiss, First Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, and Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Special Agent in Charge John P. Kelleghan, announced that Chief Judge Gregory M. Sleet sentenced Vikramaditya Singh, 34, of Fountain Hills, Arizona, to three years' probation, including six months' home confinement, and a \$100,000 fine for exporting items he believed were destined to Iran.

On November 23, 2010, Singh pleaded guilty to one count of causing and attempting to cause the export to the Islamic Republic of Iran, of 4E1/8E1/16E1 digital microwave radios, without the required authorization from the Office of Foreign Asset Control, Department of the Treasury, having first been obtained, in violation of Title 50, United States Code, Sections 1702 and 1705(a) and (c), and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2, and Title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 560.

According to facts developed during the investigation, an undercover United States Homeland Security Investigations ("HSI") special agent (the "UCA") initiated contact with Singh following the arrest of Iranian procurement agent Amir Ardebili. A search of Ardebili's computer had revealed email communication between Ardebili and Singh, culminating in Singh

forwarding a price quote and bank account information to Ardebili for various items, including digital microwave radios.

Over a twenty-month period, beginning in September 2008, and concluding with a search of defendant's business in May 2010, the UCA contacted Singh on multiple occasions to arrange for the purchase of digital microwave radios. On two separate occasions, defendant knowingly violated United States export laws by exporting a pair of microwave radios that he believed were destined for Iran, with full awareness that it was unlawful to do so. The radios were shipped to Slovenia and Denmark, respectively, with plans to transship them to Iran. During an in-person meeting with the UCA at his office in Arizona, defendant attempted to sell an additional forty radios to the UCA, which would be shipped through Spain to Iran.

"This prosecution is one of the many investigative successes stemming from the apprehension and prosecution of Iranian procurement agent Amir Ardebili. I applaud our law enforcement partners for their exceptional dedication in pursuing this investigation," said Acting U.S. Attorney David C. Weiss.

"This case demonstrates the great lengths individuals motivated by the dollar will go, including the circumvention of sanctions imposed by the United States against Iran," said John P. Kelleghan, special agent in charge for the ICE Office of Investigations in Philadelphia. "HSI is committed to protecting Americans at home and overseas by bringing these criminals to justice."

This case is being prosecuted by David L. Hall and Robert F. Kravetz, Assistant United States Attorneys. For further information, contact Assistant United States Attorney David L. Hall, or Assistant United States Attorney Robert F. Kravetz at (302) 573-6277.

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