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ROCKFORD WOMAN FOUND GUILTY ON FEDERAL CHARGES INVOLVING PROSTITUTION AT TOKYO ORIENTAL HEALTH SPA

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; BYRAM TICHENOR, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division; ELISSA A. BROWN, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; JOSEPH A. PIRONE, Acting Special Agent-in-Charge of the United States Postal Service; PAUL LOGLI, Winnebago County State’s Attorney; and DOMINIC IASPARRO, Interim Rockford Police Chief, today made the following announcement:

MYUNG OK LEE, 1177 Shingle Oak Lane, Rockford, Illinois, was found guilty this afternoon in federal court of conspiring to use interstate telephone lines to transmit credit card information to aid her prostitution business at the Tokyo Oriental Health Spa, located at 1538 Broadway, Rockford, Illinois, as well as money laundering conspiracy in connection with the operation of the Tokyo Oriental Health Spa. The jury’s verdict followed a four-day trial.

Evidence presented at trial established the following:

MYUNG OK LEE was the owner of the Tokyo Oriental Health Spa between March 2001 and February 2005, during which time the spa was actually a front for a large-scale prostitution business. MYUNG OK LEE conspired with MIA DEBOER and others to transmit customers’ credit card charge information to credit card processing services in order for the prostitution business to obtain the receipts. Once authorization for the use of credit cards was obtained, those receipts were deposited into the Tokyo Oriental Health Spa’s business checking account. MYUNG OK LEE then wrote and caused others to write checks from that business checking account to pay for the Tokyo Oriental Health Spa’s expenses, including advertising, rent, utilities, and wages.

MYUNG OK LEE faces a maximum potential penalty for both counts of up to 25 years of imprisonment, a fine of \$750,000 or \$250,000 plus twice the value of the property

involved in Count Two, whichever is greater, and between 2 and 3 years of supervised release after her release from imprisonment. She may also be subject to a criminal forfeiture judgment. The actual sentence will be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the United States Sentencing Guidelines. She is set to be sentenced on July 7, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

MIA DEBOER previously pleaded guilty to conspiring to use interstate telephone lines to aid the prostitution business at the Tokyo Oriental Health Spa. She is set to be sentenced on June 16, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.

The conviction announced today was the result of a joint investigation led by the Rockford Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Rockford Police Department, the Internal Revenue Service, the United States Postal Service, and the United States Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The investigation began in October 2003. The case was prosecuted in United States District Court by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael F. Iasparro and Mark T. Karner.