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**DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT  
FOR MAKING THREATS AGAINST THE PRESIDENT**

**Lake Charles, La.:** United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today the guilty plea of Carlton Neil Norah, 25, an inmate at the Oakdale Correctional Complex in Oakdale, La., for making threats against the President of the United States. Norah entered his plea of guilty in federal court in Lake Charles, La., before U.S. District Judge Patricia Minaldi.

Norah was charged in an indictment filed in June of 2010, with making threats against President Barack Obama and his immediate family, and pled guilty today to one count of making a threat against the President. While serving a prison term at the Oakdale Correctional Complex in Oakdale, La., the defendant attempted to mail a letter that he had written, which contained a threat to kill or harm President Barack Obama. The letter was addressed to the President at the White House. Norah admitted to Judge Minaldi in open court today that he intended for the letter to be taken seriously as a threat. Officials at the prison discovered the letter before it left in the outgoing mail.

At sentencing, Norah faces a term of imprisonment of not more than five years, a fine of not more than \$250,000.00, or both, and a term of supervised release of not more than three years. **Sentencing will be scheduled at a later date.**

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service, Baton Rouge Resident Agency, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Joseph T. Mickel.

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