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New Prague woman pleads guilty to threatening federal agents

MINNEAPOLIS – Earlier today in federal court in St. Paul, a 47-year-old New Prague woman pleaded guilty to threatening to kill several law enforcement officers. Kim Rolene Hutterer specifically pleaded guilty to one count of threatening interstate communications and one count of mailing threatening communications. Hutterer, who was indicted on April 20, 2011, entered her plea before United States District Court Judge Paul A. Magnuson.

In her plea agreement, Hutterer admitted that on September 21, 2010, she called the U.S. Bureau of Prisons' ("BOP") Federal Correctional Institution in Welch, West Virginia. During that call, she admittedly threatened to kill a BOP employee. In addition, Hutterer admitted that on March 29, 2011, she wrote a letter containing a threat to injure an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Hutterer also admittedly threatened to injure others, including Vice President Joe Biden.

For her crimes, Hutterer faces a potential maximum penalty of ten years in prison for mailing threatening communications and five years for engaging in threatening interstate communications. Judge Magnuson will determine her sentence at a future hearing, yet to be scheduled.

This case is the result of an investigation by the FBI, the BOP, the Breitung Police Department, the Carver County Sheriff's Office, the LeSueur County Sheriff's Office, the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office, the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Secret Service. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen B. Schommer.

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