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**FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH
SECURITY BREACH**

PHILADELPHIA - Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the unsealing of an indictment¹ against Samuel Peter Karmilowicz, charging him with one count of unauthorized possession of, and control over, documents relating to the national defense of the United States. The indictment charges that on or about June 6, 2007, in Wayne, Pennsylvania, Karmilowicz, a former employee of the United States Department of State, had possession of ten documents, marked "secret", related to the national defense which he was no longer authorized to possess.

In December 2005, Karmilowicz resigned from the State Department. His authorization was immediately revoked. But he kept, in his possession, multiple documents that he was not authorized to retain. Karmilowicz failed to deliver those documents to an officer or employee of the United States who was authorized and entitled to receive them.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Samuel Karmilowicz	Fairfax, Virginia	47

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the United States Department of State Diplomatic Security Service. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Zaleski.

¹An Information or Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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