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NEW JERSEY MAN CHARGED WITH FALSIFYING HIS MILITARY HONORS

Terry Richard Calandra was charged today by information¹ with making false statements in relation to military honors he claimed he received. According to the information, Calandra knowingly and willfully made materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements and representations by creating United States Army General Orders and award certificates which fraudulently represented that he had been awarded the Silver Star Medal, the Distinguish Service Cross Medal, and two Purple Heart Medals. It is further alleged that Calandra provided the documents to United States Senator Arlen Specter’s Office, when, as the defendant knew, he had not been awarded these medals during and after his service in the United States Army. Calandra was attempting to upgrade his phony Silver Star Medal to the Congressional Medal of Honor.

According to the information, in an attempt to impede an FBI investigation, Calandra stated to Special Agents that he had been awarded the Silver Star Medal, the Distinguish Service Cross Medal, and two Purple Heart Medals, when, as the defendant knew, he had not been awarded these medals.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

| NAME | ADDRESS | AGE |
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| Richard Calandra | Belvidere, NJ | 62 |

If convicted, Calandra faces a maximum possible sentence of five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 for each count.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Jose R. Arteaga.

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