



U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

*615 Chestnut Street
Suite 1250
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-4476
(215) 861-8200*

October 20, 2011

BETHLEHEM MAN CONVICTED OF MAKING THREATS ON HIS FACEBOOK PAGE

PHILADELPHIA - Anthony Elonis, 28, of Bethlehem, PA was convicted today of four counts of interstate communication of threats in connection with postings he made to his Facebook page. Among the threats that Elonis posted were threats against his wife, Pennsylvania State Police and the Berks County Sheriff's Department, and against an unidentified kindergarten class in the Bethlehem area.

U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence Stengel will sentence Elonis in January. An exact date has not yet been scheduled. Elonis faces a maximum possible sentence of 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$1 million, three years supervised release and a possible fine.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sherri A. Stephan.

**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
EASTERN DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA
Suite 1250, 615 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106**

**Contact: PATTY HARTMAN
Media Contact
215-861-8525**