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**SAN ANTONIO MAN RECEIVES TWO YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR
ATTEMPTING TO EXPORT SENSITIVE MILITARY EQUIPMENT**

United States Attorney Robert Pitman and ICE-HSI Special Agent in Charge Jerry Robinette announced that on Friday, 53-year-old Andrew Silcox was sentenced to two years in federal prison for violating the Arms Export Control Act.

In addition to the prison term, Chief U.S. District Judge Fred Biery ordered that Silcox be placed under supervised release for a period of three years after completing his prison term.

On December 15, 2011, Silcox, who is in the business of purchasing surplus Department of Defense equipment and then reselling it, pleaded guilty to one count of illegal export of munitions list item. Silcox admitted that beginning in May 2010, he sold one, and subsequently attempted to sell three more, Naval Radar Control Unit parts, also known as a Sensitivity Time Control Generator Assembly, for an agreed upon price of approximately \$6,500 each to an undercover ICE-HSI agent. These particular units are covered by the U.S. Munitions List and require a State Department license for exportation.

The undercover agent told Silcox he was a broker for a buyer in the United Arab Emirates and inquired as to how Silcox would get the export license. Silcox admitted in court documents that he knew he needed the license, however, he never attempted to get a license and used false information on the shipping labels to disguise the actual contents. Silcox was arrested by ICE-HSI agents in San Antonio on October 21, 2011, when he attempted to sell the other three units.

This case was investigated by agents with the Department of Defense, Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS) together with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI) and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark Roomberg.

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