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DEFENSE CONTRACTOR INDICTED FOR AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ABUSE

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced the indictment of Jorge J. Thornton on charges of aggravated sexual abuse.

According to the indictment, the defendant, an employee of Black Hawk Management Corporation, was providing logistical support at the U.S. Forward Operating Base, Sykes Tal' Afar, Iraq. On June 14, 2008, it is alleged that the defendant sexually assaulted another individual on or near the Forward Operating Base named above.

The defendant faces up to life imprisonment should he be convicted. It is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Greg Gloff with assistance provided by Christine Duey of the Criminal Division's Domestic Security Section.

An indictment a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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