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Former Hellmann Logistics Computer Programmer Sentenced for Unauthorized Computer Intrusion

Marcos Daniel Jiménez, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida, and William Sims, Special Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service, Miami Field Office, announced today the sentencing on December 4, 2003, of former Hellmann Logistics employee Jesus Diaz to a twelve month period of imprisonment, six months of which will be served by home confinement. In addition, the defendant was ordered to pay $80,713.79 in restitution to Hellmann Logistics. Diaz pled guilty to one count of intentionally accessing without authorization a protected computer and thereby recklessly causing damage, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030(a)(5)(A)(ii) on September 23, 2003. Diaz, a former AS/400 computer programer at Hellmann Logistics' IT department, was arrested by the United States Secret Service on July 10, 2003, after having broken into Hellmann's computer system from a remote location. During the unauthorized intrusion, Diaz deleted several programs which resulted in the malfunction of several crucial applications and over $80,000.00 in damages. Mr. Jiménez commended the investigative efforts of the United States Secret Service. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard D. Boscovich.

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