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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - October 6, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Tina Kafka was arraigned today in federal court in San Diego before United States Magistrate Judge Anthony J. Battaglia on federal computer hacking charges. The indictment was handed up by a federal grand jury sitting in San Diego on October 2, 2008. Ms. Kafka was arrested by agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation on October 3, 2008 pursuant to a bench warrant issued in connection with the indictment. Ms. Kafka was charged with one count of intentionally causing damage to a protected computer.

According to the indictment, Ms. Kafka was employed as a teacher by Explorer Elementary Charter School ("Explorer") for the 2006-2007 school year. Beginning in December 2006 and continuing to November 2007, Ms. Kafka gained unauthorized access to the electronic mail accounts of at least 16 Explorer employees and read their email messages. In addition, Ms. Kafka attempted to forward an email from one

of the illegally accessed accounts to a local newspaper reporter. As a result of the intrusion, Explorer incurred a loss in excess of $5000.

This case was investigated by the Cybercrime Squad of the San Diego Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Magistrate Judge Anthony J. Battaglia set bail in the amount of $20,000. Ms. Kafka is next scheduled to be in court on November 10, 2008 at 2:00 p.m., before United States District Court Judge M. James Lorenz for motion hearing and trial setting.

DEFENDANT **Case Number: 08CR3203-JM**

Tina Kafka San Diego, California Age: 58

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Count 1 - Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030(a)(5)(i)- Intentionally Causing Damage to a Protected Computer
Maximum Penalties: 10 years' imprisonment and $250,000 fine per count

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An indictment itself is not evidence that the defendant committed the crimes charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.