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U.S. Department of Justice
United States Attorney
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Southern District of California
San Diego, CA

Hacker Indicted for Attacks on San Diego Auto Site

United States Attorney Patrick K. O'Toole announced today that Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents arrested Stephen L. Suplita, III, in Connecticut for crimes committed in Fallbrook, California. On December 14, 2001, a federal grand jury, sitting in San Diego, returned an indictment charging Mr. Suplita with committing computer crimes. The indictment alleges that Mr. Suplita used his computer to gain unauthorized access to Enjoya.com Incorporated's computer system. The indictment further alleges that Mr. Suplita intentionally caused damage to the computer system. Mr. O'Toole stated that this indictment reflects the continuing commitment of the FBI and United States Attorney's Office to protect the Internet by identifying, locating and prosecuting individuals who use computers and the Internet to vandalize computer systems and alter computer data. Mr. Suplita was arrested in Connecticut where he is living and working. Mr. Suplita is expected to make his first appearance in San Diego, California on January 7, 2002, at 10:30 a.m., before the Honorable Nita L. Stormes, United States Magistrate Judge. The case has been assigned to the Honorable Jeffrey T. Miller, United States District Court Judge.
DEFENDANT Stephen L. Suplita, III

Employer: Alice Technologies; Holyoke, Massachusetts SUMMARY OF CHARGES Title 18, United States Code, S 1030(a)(5)(A) - Intentionally Damaging a Protected Computer (a felony with a statutory maximum sentence of five years in prison). INVESTIGATING AGENCY Federal Bureau of Investigation An indictment, itself, is not evidence that the defendants committed the crimes charged and like all defendants, they are presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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