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Connecticut Hacker Pleaded Guilty to Attacks on San Diego Auto Site

Carol C. Lam, United States Attorney for the Southern District of California, announced the guilty plea today of Stephen Suplita III, charged with hacking into the computer system of Fallbrook, California based Enjoya.com and causing damage in excess of $10,000. The Defendant appeared today in the courtroom of United States District Court Judge Jeffrey T. Miller and admitted his actions which began in August 2000, and continued through October, 2000. The Defendant, then a resident of Manchester, Connecticut, admitted that he used his personal computer to hack into the computer system of the e-commerce retailer, and that he intentionally caused damage to their computer system. The 32 year old defendant is scheduled to appear before the Honorable Jeffery T. Miller, United States District Court Judge, for a sentencing hearing in Courtroom 6, of the United States Courthouse in San Diego, California, on Monday, January 27, 2003 at 9:00 a.m.

DEFENDANT Stephen Suplita, III SUMMARY OF CHARGE Title 18, United States Code, § 1030(a)(5)(A) - Intentionally Damaging a Protected Computer Maximum sentence of five years in prison.

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