



**United States Attorney's Office District of Connecticut**  
**Press Release**

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**DOD EMPLOYEE ARRESTED FOR MAKING  
FALSE STATEMENTS**

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that BEATRICE C. RUIZ, age 55, of 25 Chestnut Street, Norwalk, Connecticut, was arrested today on a federal criminal Complaint charging her with one count of making a false statement in connection with a matter within the jurisdiction of the Executive branch of the United States. RUIZ was presented this afternoon before United States Magistrate Judge William I. Garfinkel and released after posting a \$400,000 bond.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, RUIZ, a U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) engineer at the *Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation* in Stratford, Connecticut, was using her official computer and telephone to conduct a private consulting business with foreign persons, companies and countries. When questioned about these activities and when completing security documentation and forms in connection with her security clearance, the Complaint alleges that RUIZ failed to disclose these foreign contacts and activities in response to direct questions.

If convicted of the offense, RUIZ faces a maximum term of imprisonment of five years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

U.S. Attorney O'Connor stressed that the complaint is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to have the matter presented to a grand jury for consideration. If an Indictment is returned, the defendant is entitled to a trial at which it is the Government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. This case was investigated by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service of the U.S. Department of Defense. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney James K. Filan, Jr.

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