



United States Attorney's Office District of Connecticut
Press Release

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**HONG KONG RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO
ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE
MILITARY WEAPONS SCOPES**

Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that WAI LIM WILLIAM LAM, age 32, of Hong Kong, pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge Stefan R. Underhill in Bridgeport to an Indictment charging him with one count of attempting to smuggle goods from the United States.

According to documents filed with the Court and statements made in court, LAM purchased five weapons scopes, including a night-vision rifle scope, two submersible night-vision monoculars, a night-vision sniper scope, and a combat optical sight, in Stamford, Connecticut, and attempted to ship the scopes to Hong Kong.

Judge Underhill has scheduled sentencing for March 9, 2007, at which time LAM faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

The case was investigated by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service of the United States Department of Defense; the Office of Export Enforcement of the United States Department of Commerce, and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement of the Department of Homeland Security. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Edward Chang.

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