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Japanese National Arrested for Human Smuggling at O'Hare Airport

(Chicago) Brian R. Perryman, District Director for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in Chicago announced the arrest today of Reiko Kurimoto, age 48, by INS Inspectors.

Kurimoto, a dual citizen of Japan and Taiwan, was charged in a criminal complaint today in U.S. District Court in Chicago with smuggling aliens for financial gain, a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment.

According to the complaint, Kurimoto is alleged to have attempted to smuggle an undocumented Chinese national into the United States. Kurimoto was traveling on American Airlines flight 154 from Japan to O'Hare on Saturday, June 22, 2002, with an individual named Chun-Hung Chen, age 21.

During interviews of Kurimoto and Chen by INS Inspectors, it was determined that Kurimoto was attempting to smuggle Chen into the United States for profit. Chen, who was traveling with a fraudulent Taiwanese passport, is actually a Chinese national by the name of Dian-Boa Jiang.

Kurimoto was charged and had an initial appearance today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Arlander Keys.

The public is reminded that a complaint is not evidence of guilt and that all defendants in a criminal case are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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