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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

RE: United States of America v. Lenore Matusiewicz

The sentencing of Lenore Matusiewicz was scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2016, at the Federal Courthouse in Wilmington, Delaware. On January 31, 2016, Mrs. Matusiewicz was transported from the Federal Detention Center in Philadelphia to Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia because of a medical emergency. She has remained there since that time.

The physicians caring for Mrs. Matusiewicz there have certified to the Court that she has serious medical needs. Those needs cannot be met by the Federal Detention Center in Philadelphia, and her prompt transfer to an appropriate facility administered by the Federal Bureau of Prisons is necessary.

On Thursday night, February 11, 2016, counsel for the United States contacted the Court and made a request for an expedited sentencing. Defense counsel for Mrs. Matusiewicz has joined in that request. For medical reasons, it was not possible to transfer Mrs. Matusiewicz to a public courtroom for sentencing, and because of these extraordinary circumstances, the Court was asked to conduct a sentencing at the Defendant's bedside in the hospital. Because of the hospital setting, it was not possible to open the proceedings to the public.

A formal sentencing proceeding was held this afternoon in Mrs. Matusiewicz's hospital room and memorialized by both a court reporter and audiotape recording, with the trial judge, Gerald Austin McHugh, presiding.

A sentence of life imprisonment was imposed.