



## Awareness in Action: Case Study

**Who could become an insider threat?** Anyone with authorized access to U.S. Government resources who uses that access, either wittingly or unwittingly, to harm national security.



### Hannah Robert

- Former Cleared Defense Contractor
- Age: 50
- Charges: Violation of Arms Export Control Act
- Pled Guilty as Charged
- Sentenced April 14, 2016 to 57 Months in Prison

### Espionage Indicators

- Foreign Contacts
- Foreign Preference
- Mishandling of Classified/Sensitive Information
- Questionable Ethical and Personal Conduct
- Falsification of Documents



### What Happened

- From 2010 to 2012 Robert owned and operated two companies that contracted with the DoD to provide hardware items and spare parts. She co-owned a third company, located in India, and was employed by a fourth company – a cleared defense contractor – that gave her access to additional sensitive US military data.
- During this period, Robert provided export-controlled data to an individual in India.
- The data included drawings of parts used in the torpedo systems for nuclear submarines, military attack helicopters, and F-15 fighter aircraft.
- Robert transmitted the military drawings for these parts to India by posting the technical data to the password-protected website of a church where she was a volunteer web administrator.
- Robert also conspired to provide numerous other foreign countries with export protected defense hardware items and sensitive military data and delivered substandard products on her DoD contracts for the F-15.



### Impacts

- Robert violated our nation's trust by exploiting her access to sensitive defense information to circumvent the Export Control Act and placed critical programs at risk by delivering inferior products. Enforcement of the Arms Export Control Act and maintaining the integrity of the supply chain are critical to the defense of our country.



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