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### **District Man Pleads Guilty to Aggravated Assault After Brutal Stabbing of Housemate - Victim Was Hospitalized About Two Weeks -**

WASHINGTON - Wallace Edmonds, 57, of Washington, D.C., has pled guilty to aggravated assault charges stemming from the stabbing of his housemate, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Edmonds pled guilty on August 18, 2011 in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia to aggravated assault. He is to be sentenced October 19, 2011 by the Honorable Robert I. Richter. Under the court's voluntary sentencing guidelines, Edmonds will likely face up to five years of imprisonment. He also will face a fine of up to \$10,000.

According to the government's evidence, on November 22, 2010, Edmonds and the victim, then 37, had a minor altercation at their residence in the 100 block of New York Avenue NW. The next day, the two men argued again, and Edmonds grabbed a knife from the kitchen table and stabbed the victim in the abdomen. The victim stumbled out of the house and collapsed on the sidewalk. Edmonds then left the residence, and disposed of the knife. He turned himself in to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) six days later. The victim was hospitalized for about two weeks, and underwent several surgeries as a result of the stabbing.

In announcing the plea, U.S. Attorney Machen commended the work of MPD Detectives Dwayne Jackson, John Hamer, Douglas Reynolds, Wanda Harris, and Dino McFadden; Sgt. Kenya Jackson, and Officers Janice Brown, Robert Chester, Jaron Hickman, Lashay Makal, Brett Smith and Georgetta Stroman of the Fifth District, who investigated the case. He also expressed appreciation to Shauna Moore, the Domestic Violence Advocate who worked with the victim. Finally, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation to Paralegal Jason Manuel and Legal Assistant Charmonique Price, who prepared the case for indictment, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Mervin A. Bourne, Jr., who prosecuted the case.

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