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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CR No. 09-1149-GAF
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Plaintiff,)	<u>F I R S T</u>
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v.)	<u>S U P E R S E D I N G</u>
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BRIAN THOMAS METTENBRINK,)	<u>I N F O R M A T I O N</u>
)	
Defendant.)	[18 U.S.C.
)	§§ 1030(a)(5)(A)(iii),
)	(a)(5)(B)(i), (c)(2)(A)
)	(2008): Unauthorized Access
)	Of A Protected Computer]
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The United States Attorney charges:

1. At all times relevant herein, the Church of Scientology ("COS"), which had its administrative headquarters in Los Angeles County, California, operated several websites in interstate and foreign commerce and communication (the "COS websites").

2. Beginning on or about January 24, 2008, and continuing to on or about January 29, 2008, defendant BRIAN THOMAS METTENBRINK ("defendant METTENBRINK"), working in concert with others, knowingly accessed the COS websites without

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1 authorization. Specifically, defendant METTENBRINK downloaded
2 software from an Internet message board allegedly related to an
3 anti-COS group calling itself "Anonymous." Defendant METTENBRINK
4 used that software to access, without authorization, the COS
5 websites at such a high rate that it impaired the integrity and
6 availability of those websites and the computer system where they
7 were hosted, a variation of a distributed denial of service
8 attack, or a "DDOS" attack. Defendant METTENBRINK intended to
9 unlawfully access the COS websites in this manner.

10 3. By this conduct, defendant METTENBRINK and the others
11 who participated in the DDOS attack described above caused more
12 than \$5,000 in loss to the COS in a one-year period.

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