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Honorable A. Howard Matz  
United States District Judge  
United States Court House  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: SUTCLIFFE, Steven William  
Docket No. 02-00350(A)

special concern is the "killercop" website registered to Sutcliffe after his arrest in 1997. On that website killing police officers, including those who arrested Sutcliffe, was encouraged. In May 2001 Sutcliffe was removed from the court room where he had attempted to obtain an arrest warrant for one of those arresting officers.

Personal information about Sutcliffe is currently limited as he elected not to be interviewed or complete any of the forms requested by the Probation Officer, including those that would authorize the Probation Officer to obtain a credit report, employment, military, or mental health records. Nonetheless, there appears to be sufficient indication that Sutcliffe is in need of mental health treatment. However, his lack of cooperation at this stage of his criminal proceedings suggests he may prove difficult to supervise in the community.

Sutcliffe's support system is also questionable. Specifically, his wife reportedly is afraid of him, proclaiming that Sutcliffe has been verbally abusive and pushed her on one occasion. She expressed her intent to divorce him.

Sentencing at the high end of the sentencing range has been recommended based upon the following aggravating factors: The level of complexity Sutcliffe used to disseminate the information on the internet and making the removal of same virtually impossible; the type, amount, and level of threats and intimidation tactics used during the commission of the offense which are not fully reflected in the offense level computation; Sutcliffe's behavior which lead to his removal from a courtroom after being informed he could not obtain an arrest warrant for an officer that previously arrested him; Sutcliffe's prior use of his earlier website to encourage the killing of police officers and attempt to intimidate, at best, the officers who previously arrested him; the uncooperative behavior Sutcliffe exhibited during his initial booking for the instant offense and his current unwillingness to provide information to the Probation Officer.