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## Charges: Turkish businessman exported US goods to Iran

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MILWAUKEE (AP) — Federal prosecutors allege a Turkish businessman helped illegally route Wisconsin-made outboard engines and boat generators to the Iranian navy.

Resit Tavan, 40, of Istanbul appeared today in U.S. District Court in Milwaukee. Tavan was arrested in Romania in June on an international warrant.

Tavan, his Turkish company and a manager there are accused of conspiring to defraud the U.S. and to smuggle American-made products to Iran.

*The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reports the indictment alleges they failed to obtain the special licenses needed to get around trade embargoes against Iran in place since 1995. Instead, the defendants allegedly negotiated the export of the engines and generators to Turkey, then re-exported them to Iran.

Tavan's attorney, Nejla Lane, told The Associated Press her client pleaded not guilty and will fight the charges.