Government Will Not Appeal Case

By Sam Hartman

U.S. Attorney Donald K. Stern decided Friday not to appeal a federal court judge's dismissal of the wire fraud case against David M. LaMacchia '95.

According to a statement, Stern decided not to appeal the case in part to avoid a delay in the legislative process that might lead to new laws more applicable to cases similar to LaMacchia's.

Stern's decision comes after the Dec. 28 dismissal of the wire fraud charges against LaMacchia. The indictment alleged that LaMacchia ran a service on Athena Computing Network that would allow Internet users to obtain copyrighted software.

"Judge [Richard G.] Stern's decision comes after the Dec. 28 dismissal of the wire fraud charges against David M. LaMacchia '95. LaMacchia and his family were pleased with the U.S. Attorney's decision, according to a statement released Friday. "I wouldn't wish this on my worst enemy, the stress is tremendous," said Brian A. LaMacchia G, David's older brother.

The case's court proceedings are over, but it is not clear if LaMacchia will now have to go before the judicial process to avoid a delay in the legislative process," Stern said.

Large Parties Will Have Metal Detectors

By Stacey E. Blau

Students attending MIT-spon-

sored events with more than 250 people will soon be required to pass a metal detector test before being allowed admittance, according to Chief of Campus Police Anne P. Glavin.

Tightened security at parties comes in response to a string of violent incidents over the past few years, including the 1987 murder of a Northeastern University student, a 1989 shooting in the Kresge Auditorium parking lot, two 1991 stabbings in the Student Center, and a 1992 stabbing at Delta Kappa Epsilon. Glavin said.

The use of metal detectors "is aimed at a specific type of party. Events that are over 250 people that have the capacity to attract people not in the MIT community," Glavin said.

Metal detectors may also be used at events where alcohol will be served and where a live band will be present, according to the final draft of the Guidelines for the Use of Metal Detectors at MIT Student Events.

Under the guidelines, concerned student groups will be able to request metal detectors for any events that are not required to have them. Detail officers will also be Metal, Page 10