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MEMBER OF LATIN KINGS GANG CHARGED WITH RACKETEERING AND CONSPIRACY

PHILADELPHIA - U.S. Attorney Pat Meehan today announced the filing of an Information¹ against Juan Sanchez, a.k.a. "King Macho", 24, of Philadelphia, charging him with conspiracy to conduct and participate in the racketeering enterprise activities of the Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation, a.k.a. the Latin Kings.

The information, filed Thursday, alleges that from 1999 through 2007, Sanchez and others participated in a conspiracy to commit racketeering activity, including murder, attempted murder and conspiracy to commit murder, as well as interference with commerce by threats or violence, and drug trafficking. The Latin Kings is a national criminal organization with tens of thousands of members organized in chapters throughout the United States. The information alleges that Sanchez was an officer of the Palmetto Tribe of the Latin Kings located in the Tampa, Fla. area, and was active in the gang in both Florida and in Philadelphia.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE	OR DATE OF BIRTH
Juan Sanchez	Philadelphia	23	

If convicted, Sanchez faces a maximum sentence of life in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and three years supervised release.

This case has been investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as the Tampa Police Department and the Philadelphia Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Trial Attorney Vincent Tortorella of the U.S. Department of Justice Gang Squad, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Arlene D. Fisk of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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