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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a single count indictment¹ charging Joseph Smith, Jr. with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The indictment alleges that on July 14, 2006, having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, Smith possessed a Raven Arms, Model MP-25, .25 caliber pistol.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. If convicted, Smith faces a maximum of ten years imprisonment, three years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Joseph Smith, Jr.	Philadelphia, PA	30

This case was investigated by the Violent Crime Impact Team (VCIT), comprised of the the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Bureau of Narcotics Investigation and the Philadelphia Police Department. The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Joseph J. Khan.

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