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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham, announced today the filing of a 28-count Information¹ charging defendants CHRISTOPHER SANDERS and THEODORE KELLY with committing armed robberies of fast food restaurants and food stores on numerous occasions from on or about December 30, 2006 through February 27, 2007. The locations of the robberies, and the defendants charged, are as follows:

1	12/30/06	Dunkin Donuts 6620 N. Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19141	Sanders
2	1/13/07	7-Eleven 7720 Ogontz Ave. Philadelphia, PA	Sanders
3	1/24/07	7-Eleven 1820 Stenton Ave. Philadelphia, PA	Sanders Kelly
4	2/9/07 4:48 p.m.	Sunoco A-Plus 5810 N. Broad St. Philadelphia, PA	Sanders
5	2/12/07 07-12-012601	7-Eleven 1337 S. 58 th St. Philadelphia	Sanders Kelly
6	2/13/07	Dunkin Donuts 1347 W. Olney Ave. Philadelphia, PA	Sanders

¹An Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

7	2/14/07	7-Eleven 6727 N. 5 th Street Philadelphia, PA	Sanders
8	2/15/07	Taco Bell 4600 City Line Ave. Philadelphia, PA	Sanders Kelly
9	2/16/07	7-Eleven 501 Church Lane Yeadon, PA	Sanders Kelly
10	2/16/07	Checkers 5726 Baltimore Ave. Philadelphia, PA	Sanders
11	2/19/07	Checkers 4813 Lancaster Ave. Philadelphia, PA	Sanders
12	2/25/07 07-18-011817	Dunkin Donuts 5506 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, PA	Sanders Kelly
13	2/27/07	7-Eleven 500 E. Baltimore Av. Clifton Heights, PA	Sanders
14	2/27/07	7-Eleven 731 Main Street Darby, PA	Sanders

This investigation and prosecution was part of *Project Safe Neighborhoods*, a joint initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, each of the nine District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) , and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. Recently, as an extension of Project Safe Neighborhoods, the United States Attorney's Office, FBI, ATF, Philadelphia Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies have established the *Hobbs Act Robbery Task Force* to investigate and prosecute organized gangs and groups committing commercial armed robberies in this district.

If convicted of all counts, Sanders faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, including a mandatory sentence of 332 years imprisonment consecutive to all other sentences, 5 years supervised release, and a \$2800 special assessment. If convicted of all counts, Kelly faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, including a mandatory sentence of 107 years imprisonment consecutive to all other sentences, 5 years supervised release, and a \$1100 special assessment.

This case has been investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Philadelphia Police Department, the Darby Police Department, the Yeadon Police Department, the Clifton Heights Police Department, and other state and local law enforcement agencies. The case has been assigned to Special Assistant United States Attorney Arlene D. Fisk.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
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Theodore Kelly	Philadelphia	29

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