



**U.S. Department of Justice**

*United States Attorney*

*Eastern District of Pennsylvania*

---

*615 Chestnut Street*

*Suite 1250*

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106-4476*

*(215) 861-8200*

October 16, 2007

NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a three-count indictment<sup>1</sup> charging **ROBERT AATIF AUSTIN, a/k/a “Aatif,”** with aiding and abetting the possession with intent to distribute cocaine, aiding and abetting the possession with intent to distribute cocaine within 1000 feet of a school, and possession of a stolen firearm, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), 860 and Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(j), 2. The indictment alleges that on June 1, 2007, Austin was in possession of cocaine and a Jennings .22 caliber pistol, serial number 584955, loaded with five (5) live rounds, within 1,000 feet of the Patterson Elementary School located at 7000 Buist Avenue in Philadelphia.

This indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney’s Office, all District Attorney’s Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Philadelphia Police Department and other law enforcement agencies, to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. Defendant AUSTIN faces a maximum sentence of 70 years imprisonment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
ROBERT AATIF AUSTIN	Philadelphia, PA	20

The case has been assigned to Special Assistant United States Attorney Arlene D. Fisk.

---

<sup>1</sup>An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
EASTERN DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA  
Suite 1250, 615 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106**

**Contact:  
PATTY HARTMAN  
Media Contact  
215-861-8525**

*COPIES OF NEWS MEMOS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS CAN ALSO BE FOUND AT  
[HTTP://WWW.USAO-EDPA.COM](http://www.usao-edpa.com)*