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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a two-count Indictment¹ against Valerie Thomas charging that she aided and abetting in making false statements in connection with two firearm purchases. The indictment alleges that firearms were purchased from licensed firearms dealers and that forms were completed which falsely represented the identity of the actual purchasers.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Valerie Thomas	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	48

If convicted, defendant Valerie Thomas faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine and a 3-year period of supervised release. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Philadelphia Field Division, and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Anne Whatley Chain.

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