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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a three-count indictment¹ charging RAFEE WALTERS, JAVIER WATSON, DOUGLAS TUCKER and IAN THOMAS with conspiracy to commit armed bank robbery, armed bank robbery, and using a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. The indictment charges that on September 10, 2007, the defendants robbed at gunpoint the Wachovia Bank at 7157 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During the robbery, the defendants stole \$13,257 in United States Currency from the bank and a purse belonging to one of the customers.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Rafee Walters	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	19
Javier Watson	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	19
Douglas Tucker	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	19
Ian Thomas	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	19

If convicted, each of the defendants faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, a mandatory minimum sentence of seven years imprisonment, a \$750,000 fine and a \$300 special assessment. This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Philadelphia Police Department. The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Joseph J. Khan.

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