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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of an indictment¹ charging **GERALD BIRNIE**, with one count of attempted bank larceny, on or about March 9, 2007, in Philadelphia, in violation of 18 U.S.C. Section 2113(a). The indictment charges that the defendant attempted to break into and steal money from an ATM machine at the Wachovia Bank at 6400 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Upon conviction, the defendant faces the following maximum sentence: 20 years imprisonment; three years supervised release; a \$250,000 fine; and a \$100 special assessment.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Prosecution has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Zaleski.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Gerald Birnie	Philadelphia, PA	31

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