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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the return of a single count indictment¹ against Pedro Tavares-de Leon, charging him with unlawful reentry into the United States after deportation.

The indictment charges that on or about August 26, 2007, in Philadelphia, the defendant, an alien and a subject of the Dominican Republic, having previously been deported from the United States, was found in the United States, having knowingly and unlawfully reentered the United States without first applying to the Attorney General of the United States or his successor, the Secretary for Homeland security, for permission to reapply for admission, and without receiving in response the express consent of the Attorney General or his successor to reapply for admission.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE & DATE OF BIRTH
Pedro Tavares-de Leon	Philadelphia, PA	age 46

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment, a 3-year period of supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; it has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Mary E. Crawley.

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