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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a five count indictment¹ charging that between February 12, 2005 and January 25, 2007, Takiya Gillis made false statements to a federal firearms licensee ("FFL"). The rules and regulations governing FFL holders require that a person seeking to purchase a handgun fill out a Firearms Transaction Record, ATF Form 4473. Part of the Form 4473 requires that the prospective purchaser certify that all his or her answers on Form 4473 are true and correct. The Form 4473 requires the purchaser to answer questions about the purchase, including a question, "Are you the actual buyer of the firearm(s) listed on this form? Warning: You are not the actual buyer if you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of another person." The Form 4473 also contains a warning that falsely answering yes to that question and falsely claiming to be the actual buyer of the firearm(s) is a crime punishable as a felony.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH
Takiya Gillis	Philadelphia, PA	27 years old

The case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, Philadelphia County District Attorney's Office, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Philadelphia City Police Department to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Marianne Cox.

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