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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of an Information¹ against BRIAN HEARD, charging him with conspiracy to distribute cocaine, distribution of cocaine, and possession and distribution of contraband cigarettes.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Brian Heard	Philadelphia	DOB 1978

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 170 years incarceration, a 10,750,000 fine, a mandatory minimum of 6 years supervised release up to lifetime supervised release, and an \$800 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorneys Daniel A. Velez and Joseph T. Labrum III.

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