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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a one-count indictment<sup>1</sup> charging **Maurice Hill**, with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1). Under federal law, convicted felons are prohibited from possessing firearms. The indictment alleges that on May 18, 2007, Thompson possessed a Smith & Wesson, .357 caliber revolver, serial number CBE 3300686-4 loaded with seven (7) live rounds.

This indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, all District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Philadelphia Police Department and other law enforcement agencies, to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. Defendant Thompson faces a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment, up to 3 years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine and a \$100 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
MAURICE HILL	Philadelphia, PA	24

The case has been investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and ATF and is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Maria M. Carrillo.

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<sup>1</sup> An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.