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### **PRESS RELEASE**

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced that a federal grand jury has returned a seven-count indictment charging defendants Lamont Lewis and Mackie Dent. Specifically, Lewis is charged with participating in a murder-for-hire scheme, after having traveled from Philadelphia to New Jersey with the intent to commit murder in exchange for a monetary payment. Lewis is also charged with using and carrying a firearm in relation to the murder-for-hire scheme. Additionally, Lewis is charged with three counts of distribution of 50 grams or more of “crack” cocaine; one count of distribution of 5 grams or more of “crack;” and using and carrying a firearm in relation to one of the “crack” distribution counts.

Codefendant Mackie Dent is charged in the indictment with one count of distribution, and aiding and abetting Lewis in the distribution, of 50 grams or more, that is approximately 170 grams, of “crack.”

#### **INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT(S)**

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Lamont Lewis	Philadelphia, PA	31 years old
Mackie Dent	Philadelphia, PA	22 years old

If convicted, Lewis faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, with a minimum mandatory 10-year term of imprisonment, plus a mandatory consecutive 30 years imprisonment; lifetime supervised release, with a minimum mandatory 5 years supervised release; a \$14,750,000 fine; and an \$700 mandatory special assessment. If convicted, Dent faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, with a minimum mandatory 10-year term of imprisonment; lifetime supervised release, with a minimum mandatory 5 years supervised release; a \$4 million fine; and a \$100 mandatory special assessment.

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The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Philadelphia Police Department and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorneys David E. Troyer and Christine E. Sykes.

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