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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the arrest of MOSHE RUBASHKIN and SHOLOM RUBASHKIN following the filing of an indictment.¹ The indictment charges MOSHE RUBASHKIN with one count of illegal storage of hazardous waste without a permit, in violation of Title 42, United States Code, Section 6928(d)(2)(A), and his son, SHOLOM RUBASHKIN, with one count of making a materially false statement, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001. The allegations in the indictment stem from defendants' ownership and operation of a textile dyeing, bleaching and weaving business, Montex Textiles, formerly located in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

"Business owners and operators who deal with hazardous waste must be responsible stewards of the environment," said Pat Meehan, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. "This kind of material, when improperly stored, is the equivalent of a lit fuse to the surrounding community." The indictment alleges that when the business ceased operations in 2002, numerous containers of hazardous waste were stored at the site without the necessary permits. After local authorities responded to two fires that occurred at the site, the United States Environmental Protection Agency initiated a major clean-up of the property in October 2005, including disposal of numerous containers of hazardous waste and hazardous substances located thereon. "The defendants were arrested and charged with violations related to alleged involvement in the abandonment of hazardous waste at the Montex Textile facility," said Susan Helbert, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia Area Office for the USEPA's Criminal Investigation Division.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Moshe Rubashkin	Brooklyn, NY	50
Sholom Rubashkin	Brooklyn, NY	28

If convicted, both defendants face a maximum sentence of five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. This case was investigated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Criminal Investigation Division and Office of Inspector General. The case has been

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Morgan-Kelly, with the assistance of Special Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Lisa.

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