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PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a one-count indictment<sup>1</sup> charging defendant Mark Saunders with one count of laundering monetary instruments, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(3).

The defendant managed Quickie Check Cashing and Ace Check Cashing, check cashing and Western Union money transfer facilities located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The charge arises out of Saunders' involvement in a money laundering scheme in which he arranged for and transferred money from Philadelphia, and structured the transactions to evade and defeat the currency transaction reporting requirements. He also permitted the use of false identification and fictitious names to prevent discovery of the sender's true identity and to evade the reporting requirements. All total, Mark Saunders laundered approximately \$171,000, and charged almost \$5,000 in illegal fees for processing these transactions.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rotella.

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT**

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE	MAXIMUM PENALTIES
Mark Saunders	Philadelphia, PA	33 years old	1. 20 years imprisonment 2. \$250,000 in fines 3. 3 years supervised release 4. \$100 special assessment

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

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