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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of an indictment¹ against Gary Smith charging him with possession with intent to distribute approximately 161 grams of crack cocaine, and possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, in violation of 21 U.S.C. 841(a)(1), and (b)(1)(C) and 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

This indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, an initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms and the Philadelphia Police Department, to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Gary Smith	Philadelphia, Pa.	35

If convicted, Smith faces a mandatory minimum of 15 years imprisonment, and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, a \$4,250,000 fine, 5 years supervised release, and a \$200 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms and has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Virgil B. Walker.

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

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