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PRESS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA – Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a one-count indictment¹ charging **MARX CLAY** with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(e). Under federal law, convicted felons are prohibited from possessing firearms. The indictment alleges that on December 14, 2007, Steplight possessed a an Ithaca Gun Company, model 37, Featherlight, 12 gauge shotgun, serial number 371452160, with a sawed-off barrel.

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.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
MARX CLAY	Philadelphia, PA	43 years old

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, a mandatory 15-year period of imprisonment, 5 years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Maria M. Carrillo.

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

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