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NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA - United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a seventeen-count Information¹ charging Darryl Brothers, Walter Johnson and Deion Sumpter with a series of armed robberies committed at various Sunoco A-Plus Mini-Marts and 7-Eleven markets throughout Philadelphia between June 1, 2008 and July 9, 2008. Brothers is charged with nine robberies; Johnson is charged with eight robberies; and, Sumpter is charged with one robbery.

This investigation and prosecution was part of *Project Safe Neighborhoods*, a joint initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, each of the nine District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. As an extension of Project Safe Neighborhoods, the United States Attorney's Office, FBI, ATF, Philadelphia Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies have established the *Hobbs Act Robbery Task Force* to investigate and prosecute organized gangs and groups committing commercial armed robberies in this district.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Darryl Brothers	Philadelphia	20
Walter Johnson	Philadelphia	19
Deion Sumpter	Philadelphia	20

If convicted, each defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment.

The case was investigated by FBI Special Agent Stephen Heaney and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Arlene Fisk and Alicia Freind.

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