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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ against Lisa Bryan Nelson, a former Colonial Penn Life Insurance employee in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, charging her with conspiracy to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft, bank fraud, aggravated identity theft, and unauthorized access of Colonial Penn's computer records.

According to the indictment, from August 2007 through August 2008, Nelson participated in the theft of personal and bank account information of customers of Colonial Penn who had bank accounts with Citizens Bank, M&T Bank and Wachovia Bank. That customer information was then passed from Nelson to other individuals who manufactured fraudulent photographic identification documents and counterfeit checks in the names of customers of the banks, using the photographs of "check-runners," individuals who then posed as customers of the banks and cashed fraudulent checks made payable to those customers and made fraudulent withdrawals from the customers' accounts.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Lisa Bryant Nelson	Philadelphia, PA	37

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 118 years imprisonment and a \$5,750,000 fine.

The case was jointly investigated by the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Secret Service, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney K.T. Newton.

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

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