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NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA - A transportation security officer at the Philadelphia International Airport was indicted¹ today on one count of theft by government employee, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy. The indictment alleges that Kellie Johnson, who was responsible for protecting the traveling public by preventing any deadly or dangerous objects from being transported onto an aircraft, stole \$100 from carry-on luggage she was screening for flights scheduled to depart the airport on October 22, 2009.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	CITY	AGE
Kellie Johnson	Philadelphia, PA	24

If convicted, defendant Johnson faces a maximum sentence of 1 year in prison, a \$100,000 fine, 1 year supervised release and a \$25 special assessment.

The case was investigated by Transportation Security Administration Office of Inspection Special Agents Vanessa Bearden and Assistant Federal Security Director for Law Enforcement Department of Homeland Security Victoria Jones, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Arlene Fisk.

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