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NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Michael L. Levy today announced the filing of a three-count information¹ charging Melissa Mello with one count of conspiracy to commit unauthorized access fraud, one count of access device fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft. According to the information, Mello used the identities of other persons to obtain more than \$63,000 worth of merchandise between November 8 and December 14, 2008. If convicted, Mello faces a maximum sentence of 17 years in prison, including a mandatory two year prison term, a \$750,000 fine and three years supervised release.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service, the Postal Inspection Service, the East Norriton Township Police Department, the Philadelphia Police Department and the Montgomery County District Attorneys Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Judy Goldstein Smith.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Melissa Mello	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	27

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