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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives Special Agent-in-Charge Mark Potter today announced the filing of an information¹ charging Colosimo's, Inc. with making false statements and failing to properly maintain firearms transaction records by a federal firearms licensee.

The information charges that from on or about August 4, 2004 through on or about April 18, 2007, Colosimo's, Inc. knowingly made false entries in, failed to make appropriate entry in, and failed to properly maintain, records, which Colosimo's, Inc. was required to keep in a Firearms Transaction Record, ATF Form 4473 ("Form 4473") or Acquisition and Disposition Ledger ("A&D Ledger"), by listing and identifying three 'straw purchasers' (that is, the purported purchasers of 10 firearms) as the actual firearms purchasers, when defendant knew or had reason to believe that each was not the actual buyer. These type of transactions are commonly referred to as straw purchases.

The 10 firearms straw purchased during this period from Colosimo's, Inc. were:

Date of Purchase	Make, Model and Serial Number (SN) of Firearm
8/4/04	1. a Rossi, Model 88, .38 special caliber revolver, SN W-324515. 2. a Rossi, Model 88, .38 special caliber revolver, SN W-323852. 3. a Charter 2000, Model Undercover 73820, .38 special caliber revolver, SN 32823. 4. a Ruger, Model P-95, 9mm pistol, SN 315-56942.
12/8/05	5. a Ruger, Model P-345, .45 caliber pistol, SN 664-27967.
12/20/05	6. a Ruger, Model P-345, .45 caliber pistol, SN 664-34844.
1/6/06	7. a Ruger, Model P-95, 9mm pistol, SN 316-11156. 8. a Ruger, Model P-95, 9mm pistol, SN 316-12382.

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

Date of Purchase	Make, Model and Serial Number (SN) of Firearm
1/25/06	9. a Ruger, Model P-345, .45 caliber pistol, SN 664-36081.
4/18/07	10. a Taurus, Model PT-111, 9mm caliber pistol, SN TZK45158.

Defendant Colosimo's Inc. faces a maximum sentence of 5 years probation, a \$200,000 fine, and a \$125 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS
Colosimo's Inc.	933-37 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tomika N. Stevens.

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