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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy today announced the filing of an Indictment¹ charging **MICHAEL MATTHEWS** and **MICHAEL ANDERSON** with conspiracy to commit robbery, which interfered with interstate commerce, attempted robbery, which interfered with interstate commerce by robbery, and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence. **MATTHEWS** is further charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The offenses involve the attempted robbery on June 12, 2009 of the Express Check Cashing, located at 5300 Tabor Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	YEAR OF BIRTH
MICHAEL MATTHEWS	Philadelphia, PA	1977
MICHAEL ANDERSON	Philadelphia, PA	1978

If convicted, defendant MATTHEWS faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment, 5 years supervised release, a \$1,000,000 fine, and a \$400 special assessment.

If convicted, defendant ANDERSON faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment, 5 years supervised release, a \$750,000 fine, and a \$300 special assessment.

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

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Philadelphia Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Denise S. Wolf.

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