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NEWS RELEASE

Bashir Johnson was charged today by indictment¹ with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. The indictment alleges that on May 5, 2010 Johnson possessed a BERSA, Thunder Ultra Compact, .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol with an obliterated serial number, loaded with 8 live rounds of ammunition.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Bashir Johnson	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	19

If convicted, Johnson faces the following maximum sentence: 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

This case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms. This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Neuman Leverett.

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