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NEWS RELEASE

An Indictment¹ was filed today charging Braheem Hinton with two counts of robbery which interfered with interstate commerce, and two counts of using and carrying a firearm during a crime of violence, announced U.S. Attorney Zane David Memeger. The indictment specifically charges that Hinton committed a gun-point robbery of the 7-Eleven convenience store, located at 5231 Harbison Avenue, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 8, 2010, and another gun-point robbery of the Pantry 1 Food Market, located at 5240 Torresdale Avenue, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 14, 2010.

This investigation and prosecution was part of *Project Safe Neighborhoods*, a joint initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, each of the nine District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. Recently, as an extension of Project Safe Neighborhoods, the United States Attorney's Office, FBI, ATF, Philadelphia Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies have established the *Hobbs Act Robbery Task Force* to investigate and prosecute organized gangs and groups committing commercial armed robberies in this district.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Braheem Hinton	Philadelphia, PA	22

If convicted of all counts, Hinton faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, with a mandatory 32 year minimum sentence, consecutive to any other sentence imposed, a \$1,000,000 fine, five years supervised release and a \$400 special assessment.

This case has been investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Philadelphia Police Department. The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Zaleski.

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

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