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NEWS RELEASE

Today, Janiqua Bueford and Wykeem Speach were charged in a three-count indictment¹ with conspiracy to import 500 grams or more of cocaine; conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine; and possession with intent to distribute 1.65 kilograms of cocaine and aiding and abetting, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger.

The indictment alleges that between September 8, 2010, and September 15, 2010, Bueford and Speach conspired to import approximately 1.65 kilograms of cocaine into the United States from the British Virgin Islands concealing it in checked luggage aboard an American Airlines flight bound for Philadelphia International Airport on September 15, 2010. The indictment alleges that Wykeem Speach purchased a roundtrip airline ticket for Janiqua Bueford enabling her to fly from Philadelphia to the British Virgin Islands, where she obtained the cocaine. It is further alleged that Speach picked up Bueford upon her return to Philadelphia International Airport and placed the luggage Bueford was carrying in the trunk of the vehicle he was driving.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	YEAR OF BIRTH
Janiqua Bueford	Philadelphia, PA	1984
Wykeem Speach	Philadelphia, PA	1983

If convicted, Bueford faces a mandatory minimum term of five years in prison up to a statutory maximum term of 120 years, up to lifetime supervised release, and a \$6 million fine. Speach faces a mandatory minimum term of 10 years in prison up to a statutory maximum term of life, up to lifetime supervised release, and a \$12 million fine.

The case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph T. Labrum, III.

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

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