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### NEWS RELEASE

Russell Bennett was charged today by indictment <sup>1</sup> with being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, announced Michael L. Levy, United States Attorney, and R. Seth Williams, Philadelphia District Attorney. According to the indictment, on September 11, 2009, Bennett possessed a loaded Ruger Model P91DC .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol loaded with 12 rounds of ammunition.

#### INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Russell Bennett	Philadelphia, PA	45

If convicted the defendant faces a statutory maximum sentence of life imprisonment, including a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of fifteen years, a \$250,000 fine, five years supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

This case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Philadelphia Police Department to identify and prosecute firearms and narcotics offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Joseph Whitehead, Jr.

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