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PHILADELPHIA – Rafael Cabrera-Mesa was charged today in a five-count indictment¹ with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and illegal alien, shipment of a firearm in foreign commerce, unlawful use of the identification of another person in connection with a federal crime, and possession of narcotics, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy.

The indictment charges that, on February 1, 2010, the defendant possessed, and shipped to the Dominican Republic, a Remington Model 760 Gamemaster .30-06 rifle, along with numerous rounds of ammunition; that from approximately 1998 up until April 7, 2010, the defendant used the birth certificate and social security number of “Gabriel Soler-Beltran” in order to hold himself out as an American citizen and thereby avoid apprehension by immigration authorities; and that on April 7, 2010, the defendant possessed cocaine.

The defendant was arrested on April 7, 2010, and is currently in the custody of the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; upon his appearance in criminal court a detention hearing will be held.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Rafael Cabrera-Mesa	Reading, PA	32 years old

If convicted on all counts, the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 33 years, a mandatory minimum of 90 days’ imprisonment, a \$1,005,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, and a \$500 special assessment.

This case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lauren M. Ouziel.

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

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