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NEWS RELEASE

John R. Pignotti was charged today by information¹ with one count of mail fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. The information alleges that the defendant orchestrated a scheme to steal money from his former employers, and stole the personal identifying information of real people to further his scheme.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
JOHN R. PIGNOTTI	PHILADELPHIA, PA	1960

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 22 years imprisonment, including a mandatory two year term of imprisonment, a three year period of supervised release, a \$500,000 fine, and a \$200 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and United States Secret Service, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kevin R. Brenner.

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