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NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA - William Mackey was charged today by Information¹ with wire fraud, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Mackey ran a non-profit called City-Wide Youth Leadership Agency in North Philadelphia. City-Wide received City of Philadelphia grants that were financially administered by third party nonprofits designated as City-Wide's "fiscal agents."

According to the information, in 2007, Mackey committed wire fraud by cashing a check payable to a former fiscal agent knowing that neither he nor City-Wide had any right to the money. The \$24,000 check from the School District of Philadelphia had been mistakenly sent to City-Wide. The information describes how the cashing of this check was part of an on-going scheme in which Mackey knowingly passed bad checks, cashed checks written to other businesses and non-profits, counterfeited checks and stole money by writing unauthorized checks, to obtain goods, services and money for himself and his organization.

It is further alleged that between 2006 and 2009, Mackey negotiated, attempted and aided and abetted the negotiation of approximately \$157,000 in fraudulent checks and wire transfers and caused losses in excess of approximately \$180,000.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
William Mackey	Philadelphia, PA	49

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum statutory sentence of 20 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000, a 3-year period of supervised release, and a special assessment of \$100.

The case was investigated by the FBI, and by the City of Philadelphia, including the District Attorney's Office, the Inspector General's Office and the Mayor's Integrity Office. It is being

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

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prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Pamela Foa and Special Assistant United States Attorney William Inden.

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