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NEWS RELEASE

Kimberly Lawson and Stephen Kane were charged today by Indictment<sup>1</sup> with 10 counts of wire fraud, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. These charges arise from the defendants' theft of over \$250,000 from Lawson's former employer.

Lawson was working as a bookkeeper for a King of Prussia landscaping business. According to the indictment, Lawson forged her boss' signature on numerous checks and made them payable to Kane, who was her live-in boyfriend. As a result of the scheme, the defendants allegedly stole approximately \$251,590.93 from the landscaping business.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Kimberly Lawson	Philadelphia, PA	1980
Stephen J. Kane	Philadelphia, PA	1977

Each wire fraud count carries a maximum possible sentence of 30 years in prison, 5 years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joel D. Goldstein.

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