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BRAZEN AUTO DEALER ROBBER CONVICTED

PHILADELPHIA - Basil Soloman, 32, of Philadelphia, was convicted today of all charges in relation to the brazen armed robbery of Omega Auto Sales, located at 6441 Dickens Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 13, 2010. Soloman and his co-defendant, Taukeeq Sadat, 33, who pleaded guilty prior to trial, were charged with conspiring to rob the dealership, brandishing firearms during the robbery, and stealing cash and other things of value from the business and its employees. The defendants entered the dealership expressing interest in buying a car, negotiated a price with one of the sales people, took the car for a test drive, and, after returning, held up the employees at gunpoint. They left with \$2,500 in cash proceeds belonging to the business, cash from an employee, a laptop, bank cards belonging to employees, and a cellular telephone. They also threatened their victims, holding the gun to the head of one of the employees who testified that he thought he was going to be killed.

Soloman will be sentenced February 3, 2012. He faces a seven- year mandatory minimum up to life in prison. Sadat pleaded guilty October 13, 2011. No sentencing date has been scheduled.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Philadelphia Police Department. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Sozi P. Tulante and Nancy Winter.

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