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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the return of a Fifth Superseding Indictment¹, returned on February 21, 2007, against 22 defendants:

ALTON COLES, AL ZUAGAR, CHARLTON CUSTIS, KEENAN BROWN, ROBERT COOPER, JAMAR CAMPBELL, GARY CREEK, TIMOTHY BAUKMAN, HAKIEM JOHNSON, DANTE TUCKER, TERRY WALKER, MONIQUE PULLINS, JAMES MORRIS, DESMOND FAISON, ANWAR LINDER, TYREK MCGETH, KRISTINA LATNEY, ASYA M. RICHARDSON, LYNETTE SIMPSON, ADRIAN MCKENZIE, ANTONIO LAMONT JACKSON and THAIS Y. THOMPSON.

The Indictment consists of 194 counts. All of the defendants except RICHARDSON, LATNEY and THOMPSON were charged with conspiring to distribute approximately 1,200 kilograms of cocaine and 600 kilograms of cocaine base ("crack"), worth no less than \$25 million, from 1998 to 2005, in Philadelphia, Delaware County, New Jersey, Baltimore and elsewhere. COLES and BAUKMAN are charged with operating a Continuing Criminal Enterprise, and face a mandatory minimum of life imprisonment.

The indictment also charges various defendants with 31 firearms counts related to the drug trafficking activity, 28 counts of distributing and possessing with intent to distribute cocaine and crack, 27 counts of using telephones to facilitate the drug conspiracy, 2 counts of maintaining a drug house, 90 counts of money laundering, 2 counts of wire fraud on a financial institution, 6 counts of structuring financial transactions to avoid IRS reporting requirements, 3 counts of making materially false statements before a federal grand jury, one count of accessory to a drug conspiracy and one count of investing drug income in an interstate enterprise, a concert produced in Philadelphia in the spring of 2002. The government has given notice of intent to forfeit more than two dozen firearms seized during the investigation, along with approximately \$1.5 million in assets, including over \$800,000 in cash, a Bentley, a Mercedes Benz, a Cadillac

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

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Escalade, and 5 houses which facilitated the drug trafficking or are proceeds of drug trafficking, or facilitated or are proceeds of money laundering, and several financial instruments which are proceeds of money laundering or drug offenses.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
ALTON COLES	Incarcerated	1974
TIMOTHY BAUKMAN	Incarcerated	1976
JAMES MORRIS	Incarcerated	
HAKIEM JOHNSON	Incarcerated	1961
JAMAR CAMPBELL	Incarcerated	1975
GARY CREEK	Incarcerated	1981
AL ZUAGAR	Incarcerated	
CHARLETON CUSTIS	Incarcerated	
DESMOND FAISON	Incarcerated	1976
ANWAR LINDER	Incarcerated	1984
TYREK MCGETH	Incarcerated	1982
KEENAN BROWN	Incarcerated	
ROBERT COOPER	Incarcerated	
DANTE TUCKER	Not disclosed	1975
TERRY WALKER	Incarcerated	1974
MONIQUE PULLINS	Incarcerated	1983
KRISTINA LATNEY	Not disclosed	1976
ASYA M. RICHARDSON	Not disclosed	1980
LYNETTE SIMPSON	Incarcerated	1970
ADRIAN MCKENZIE	Not disclosed	1963

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NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
ANTONIO LAMONT JACKSON	Incarcerated	1985
THAIS Y. THOMPSON	Not disclosed	1974

If convicted all of the defendants except LATNEY and RICHARDSON face a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment. LATNEY faces a maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment. RICHARDSON faces a maximum sentence of 100 years imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Philadelphia/Camden High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division and the Philadelphia Police Department, assisted by the Salem County, New Jersey, Prosecutors Office, the Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division, the New Jersey State Police, Darby Boro Police Department, Chester Police Department, the Baltimore Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Richard A. Lloret and Michael J. Bresnick.

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