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Corbin Thomas Extradited to Philadelphia to Face Murder and Federal Drug Charges

WHAT: NEWS CONFERENCE
WHEN: TODAY FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2005
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WHERE: DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
1421 ARCH ST.
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PARTICIPANTS: District Attorney Lynne Abraham, US Attorney Patrick Meehan, Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent Bill Reed and Assistant Special Agent in Charge John Kelleghan, Internal Revenue Service Special Agent Skip Bedics, U.S. Marshal Gary Shovlin and Acting Special Agent in Charge Terri Borakove

April 29, 2005-----Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham, U.S. Attorney Patrick Meehan, Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson, the U.S. Marshal's Office, the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Customs Service today announced that Corbin Thomas, DOB 10-9-63, has been extradited from England to Philadelphia to face murder and federal drug charges. Thomas was returned to Philadelphia Wednesday April 27, 2005 and was taken into federal custody where he remains.

Thomas is wanted on federal drug charges and in connection with the murder of his wife, Hope Thomas. On November 14, 1995, Hope Thomas was murdered inside her home at 7915 Fayette St. At the time of the murder, the defendant's seven-year-old daughter, Danielle, was inside the residence when a gunman entered the house, tied up

the child in an upstairs bedroom and then shot Hope Thomas to death in the basement of the house.

Thomas was arrested on November 5, 2001 in the United Kingdom on federal drug charges in the United States. Upon receipt of that notification, the District Attorney's Office charged Corbin Thomas with Murder, Conspiracy, Retaliation Against A Witness, Obstructing Administration of Law, PIC, VUFA 6108, burglary, Criminal Trespass, Robbery, Theft, Receiving Stolen Property, Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Recklessly Endangering Another Person, Unlawful Restraint, False Imprisonment, Simple Assault and began extradition proceedings. The first formal request for extradition was sent to the Department of Justice on December 9, 2002, and Corbin arrived in Philadelphia Wednesday April 27, 2005.