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**MURDER FUGITIVE CAPTURED AND RETURNED TO PHILADELPHIA AFTER
10 YEARS AS A FUGITIVE IN SOUTH KOREA**

Family Members of Murder Victim Anthony Schroeder Express Gratitude

“No Violent Criminal will Elude Justice Merely Due to the Passage of Time”

----District Attorney Lynne Abraham

WHAT: NEWS CONFERENCE

WHEN: TUESDAY September 16, 2008
11 a.m.

WHO: Lynne Abraham, Philadelphia District Attorney

Jayne Challman, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Philadelphia
FBI

Captain James Clark, Philadelphia Police Homicide Division
Philadelphia Homicide Detective John Rossiter, originally
assigned to the case

Family Members of Murder Victim Anthony Schroeder:

Ruth Albrecht (Anthony's niece)
Jane O'Connor (Anthony's niece)

John Schroeder and his wife, Linda Schroeder
(John is the nephew of Anthony, who became a surrogate father to John when John's
father, Bernard, died. Bernard was Anthony's brother)

Edwin Albrecht, Ruth Albrecht's son

Assistant District Attorney Mark Gilson, original and current
prosecutor on the case

WHERE: Mezzanine Level Media Room
Philadelphia District Attorney's Office
Three South Penn Square
Widener Building (Corner of Juniper and South Penn Square)

September 16, 2008---District Attorney Lynne Abraham, Janice Fedarcyk, Special Agent in Charge, Philadelphia FBI, Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey and Attorney General Tom Corbett today announced the capture and scheduled return of murder fugitive David Nam, charged in the August 16, 1996 murder of Mr. Anthony Schroeder, 77. Nam is scheduled to return to Philadelphia this afternoon.

Mr. Schroeder, 77, was shot and killed inside his residence at 5530 N. 4th Street on August 16, 1996 during a home invasion robbery. Nam and three juveniles were charged. The juveniles pleaded guilty. Nam skipped bail in 1998 and fled to South Korea.

“We are gratified that we can now bring this defendant to justice for Anthony Schroeder and his family,” said District Attorney Lynne M. Abraham. “No violent criminal under my watch will elude justice merely due to the passage of time. We are relentless when it comes to bringing criminals to justice.”

“David Nam thought he could escape justice by fleeing thousands and thousands of miles away. We talk about how technology has made our world smaller, but nothing emphasizes how close we really are more than the cooperation of Nations and law enforcement. Thousands of miles become a short plane ride when we are determined to have international fugitives such as David Nam returned to Philadelphia to be prosecuted for their crimes,” said Special Agent in Charge Janice K. Fedarcyk.

Speaking for the family, Anthony Schroeder's niece, Ruth Albrecht said, “We want to thank Lynne Abraham, the FBI and all of law enforcement for doing such a fantastic job and never giving up on our case. It is good to know that the good guys won in returning this defendant to Philadelphia.”

Here are some highlights of the case:

August 16, 1996: David Nam, 19, and three juvenile co-conspirators planned the home-invasion armed robbery of Mr. Anthony Schroeder, 77, who was living alone in his home at 5530 N. 4 Street in Olney. During the robbery attempt, Mr. Schroeder was shot in the chest with a .22 caliber rifle, killing him. Following a police investigation, Nam and his three juvenile co-defendants were arrested and charged with murder, robbery conspiracy and related offenses. All three juveniles pleaded guilty and were each sentenced to five years probation.

Following his arrest on January 18, 1997, Nam was held without bail. After nearly a year of delays by his defense team, a Philadelphia judge, over the objections of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, ordered Nam released after his father posted

\$100,000, which was ten percent of the \$1,000,000 bail. His attorney guaranteed Nam's appearance at trial. Nam was released on January 12, 1998. He was placed on an electronic ankle bracelet in order to restrict and monitor his movements. Nam immediately applied for and received a United States passport, and on March 12, 1998, when Nam was ordered to appear for trial, he cut off his ankle bracelet and used his passport to flee to South Korea. The \$100,000 cash that the father posted was forfeited, and a judgment was entered for the remaining \$900,000 balance.

Upon being advised that Nam had fled the country, the Philadelphia FBI obtained an Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution (UFAP) warrant and began coordinating an international fugitive investigation with the FBI's Legal Attache (LEGAT) office in South Korea and the South Korea National Police. The tenacity of local FBI agent Kevin McShane and his PA Attorney General investigator partner "Sunny" Shin kept the focus on Nam. Once the extradition treaty was signed it was the dogged determination of Agent McShane that convinced the South Korean police to re institute their efforts to identify, locate and re-arrest Nam.

Nam entered South Korea on March 13, 1998 and after his case was featured on a Korean television program, Korean police arrested him on March 3, 1999. Requests to have Nam deported to Philadelphia to stand trial were denied by Korean officials after Nam was granted South Korean citizenship under their nationality laws. On March 24, 1999, Korean officials, who cited the lack of an extradition treaty with the United States, released Nam from custody. Assurances were given that restrictions would be placed on Nam's movements, that his departure from South Korea was prohibited, and that he would be closely monitored and be made available for future legal proceedings in the event that an extradition treaty were to become available.

On April 22, 1998, D.A. Abraham wrote to then Mayor Edward Rendell to apprise him of the Nam case and this serious problem in the criminal justice system where the failure to enforce judgments makes a mockery of the bail system in cases where. She said that the situation 'must be addressed if bail is to have any impact in ensuring the presence of defendants for trial' and called for a course of action that would enforce bail judgments.

On September 24, 1999, D.A. Abraham, relentless in her efforts to return to Nam to Philadelphia to face justice, wrote to Jesse Helms, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Sen. Joseph Biden to ask for their assistance. She apprised them of Anthony Schroeder's murder and Nam's status as a fugitive. Calling the ratification of an extradition treaty 'imperative' in order to bring Nam to justice, she requested the 'expeditious listing' of the United States/Korea Extradition Treaty that was before his Committee.

On December 20, 1999 an extradition treaty was entered into between the United States and South Korea, and an official extradition request for David Nam was made on March 22, 2000. However South Korean authorities reported to the FBI that they had been unsuccessful in their attempts to locate and arrest Nam. Despite the previous assurances that Nam was being monitored, he eluded South Korean police.

District Attorney Lynne Abraham, sought to put pressure on Nam's family here in America to divulge his whereabouts by seeking to collect the full \$1-million bail from the father. The father declared bankruptcy in an attempt to avoid his obligation and rather than cooperate with the District Attorney's Office, he renounced his United States citizenship and fled the United States.

The FBI then determined that Nam's parents had moved back to South Korea. In 2002, the FBI developed information that Nam was residing in South Korea and was married with a child. On November 8, 2002, D.A. Abraham called and wrote to Ambassador Thomas Foglietta. Citing the successful return of Ira Einhorn after 25 years, she asked Ambassador Foglietta to personally intercede with his friend, President Kim of South Korea in order to return Nam to the United States and achieve justice in this case.

In 2003, Special Agent Kevin McShane and Task Force Officer Kwang "Sunny" Shin traveled to Seoul to assist the Korean national Police in their investigation. The case became a top priority in Seoul and the Korean National Police assisted in all aspects of the investigation.

On March 18, 2008, Nam was located and arrested by the Gyeonggi Provincial Police Agency outside of Seoul. Nam was taken to the Seoul Detention House to await extradition.

On September 16, 2008, Special Agent Kevin McShane and Task Force Officer (TFO) "Sunny" Shin will accompany Nam back to Philadelphia.

Once he arrives in Philadelphia, Nam will be taken into custody by the Philadelphia Police Department.

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