

## **U.S. ATTORNEY PATRICK L. MEEHAN ISSUES STATEMENT CONCERNING AMERICAN RED CROSS ANNOUNCEMENT OF IDENTITY THEFT INVESTIGATION**

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today confirmed that the Penn-Jersey American Red Cross brought to his office's attention information indicating that blood donors have been identified as having their donor information compromised and their identities stolen. Meehan said: "The U.S. Attorney's Office, along with the FBI and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, is aggressively pursuing the investigation. The cooperation of the Red Cross has been extremely valuable."

Meehan added: "Our office has made identity theft a top priority because of its impact on victims. It is the kind of the crime that costs people money, time, and even their reputations. Among other things, we have established a Regional Identity Theft Investigation Group and database so that federal, state, and local agencies can share information that will lead us to identity thieves and their victims."