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## **TAMPA MEN SENTENCED ON ARMED ROBBERY OF CHARLEY'S STEAKHOUSE**

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that Rogelio Torres (26, Tampa) and Edgar Colon (22, Tampa) were sentenced today by United States District Judge Steven D. Merryday for the October 18, 2010 armed robbery of Charley's Steakhouse in Tampa. Colon was sentenced to eleven years and 9 months in federal prison and Torres was sentenced to sixteen years in federal prison.

According to court documents, on October 18, 2010, an armed robbery occurred at Charley's Steakhouse, Tampa, Florida after it had closed for the evening. The robbery had been planned by Colon, who worked at Charley's as a dishwasher, Torres, who had also worked at the restaurant, Kyle Anthony Larson, and Osvaldo Yasel Martinez. Colon had worked the night of the robbery, and had updated the others as to the situation in the restaurant prior to the robbery. He left shortly before the robbery occurred.

Larson and Martinez entered the restaurant to commit the robbery. Larson was armed with a firearm and Martinez was armed with a knife. After assaulting employees of the restaurant and robbing them, Larson and Martinez ran out of the restaurant with the stolen money to a vehicle occupied by Torres. Tampa Police officers quickly responded to the scene and took chase as Martinez and Larson jumped into the waiting vehicle. The

vehicle Torres was driving was ultimately stopped on the Howard Frankland Bridge, where Torres and Martinez were arrested. Larson, who fled from the vehicle and jumped into Tampa Bay, was later pulled from the water and arrested. A Tampa Police Department diver recovered a bag containing the proceeds of the robbery. The loaded firearm and hunting knife used during the robbery were recovered in the getaway vehicle. Colon was arrested a short time later after it was learned he had helped plan the robbery.

Larson and Martinez are scheduled to be sentenced September 26, 2011.

This is another case prosecuted as a part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" program - a nationwide, gun-violence reduction strategy led by ATF. United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill, along with Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent in Charge, ATF Tampa Field Division, is coordinating the Project Safe Neighborhoods effort here in the Middle District of Florida in cooperation with federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.

This case was investigated by the Tampa Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Colleen Murphy Davis.