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## Associate of Robbery Crew Admits Pennsylvania Home Invasion

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TRENTON – An associate of the so-called “Route 35 Crew,” which was responsible for a series of bank robberies and other robberies from August 2006 through November 2007, pleaded guilty today to committing a home invasion robbery in Allentown, Pa., U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie announced.

Sandy Hart, 29, of Rahway, pleaded guilty to a one-count Information charging him with interstate travel in aid of racketeering, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott B. McBride. Following the guilty plea, U.S. District Judge Joel A. Pisano scheduled sentencing for Nov. 19.

The defendant faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine on the sole count of the Information.

Hart admitted that, on Aug. 15, 2006, he drove with accomplices Ruben Rosado and Andre Billups from New Jersey to Allentown, Pa., to burglarize the home of an individual who owed Hart money. Once they arrived, he admitted, they entered the apartment. According to Hart, Rosado straddled a woman in the bedroom and pointed a gun at her head, while Hart instructed Billups on where to find a safe containing the money. Hart further admitted that he, Rosado, and Billups stole \$400 and other items from the apartment.

Hart currently has four co-defendants, including Rosado and Billups. Rosado, 31, of Rahway, was indicted on April 16, 2008, for the armed robbery of Investors Savings Bank in Piscataway, which occurred on Nov. 10, 2007. He has been ordered detained pending trial.

Billups, 24, of Rahway, was charged by criminal complaint on Dec. 14, 2007, for conspiring to rob a courier in the parking lot of the Commerce Bank in Cranford on Nov. 27, 2006. Billups has been released pending trial on a \$100,000 secured bond.

Michael Green, 30, of Linden, was charged by criminal Complaint on Nov. 13, 2007, for robbing the Investors Savings Bank in Piscataway with Rosado. Green has been ordered detained.

Finally, Andria Yarborough, 24, of Roselle, pleaded guilty on May 20, 2008 before U.S. District Judge Joseph E. Irenas to a one-count Information charging her with misprision of a felony for lying to police and failing to report the Cranford robbery to police. Yarborough has been released on a \$50,000 unsecured bond and is scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 17, 2008.

Under an Information, a defendant waives the right to have his case presented to a grand jury and, instead, pleads guilty to charges presented by the United States.

In determining an actual sentence, Judge Pisano will consult the advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. The Judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence. Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

U.S. Attorney Christie credited special agents with the FBI, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Weysan Dun, for this successful investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott B. McBride, of the U.S. Attorney's Government Fraud Unit, and Joseph G. Mack, of the U.S. Attorney's Securities and Health Care Fraud Unit.

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