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[Plattsburgh, New York]—United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian, Swanton Sector Chief John C. Pfeifer of United States Border Patrol, and Special Agent in Charge Lev J. Kubiak of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, announced today that CARL G. THOMPSON was sentenced on February 3, 2011, to three years imprisonment, to be followed by three years of supervised release, before United States District Judge Glenn T. Suddaby in Syracuse, for his role in commercial alien smuggling on the Akwesasne Mohawk Indian Reservation.

THOMPSON, age 44, of Cornwall, Ontario, Canada, pled guilty on October 6, 2010, to one count of bringing illegal aliens into the United States. THOMPSON admitted to his role as a driver in the smuggling of a citizen of Ireland, with no permission to be in the United States, from Canada to the Hogansburg, New York area, and then to Massena, New York. The smugglers utilized a boat on the St. Lawrence River to cross the illegal alien through the international boundary between Cornwall Island in Ontario, Canada, to a land-locked portion of the Reservation in Quebec, and from there to a business location in Massena.

THOMPSON was arrested on March 31, 2010. Co-defendants Dennis Jocko and Nathan Sampson Martin remain at large having failed to appear for a pre-trial hearing.

The case was investigated jointly by the Massena field offices of the United States Border Patrol and Homeland Security Investigations, and was prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Plattsburgh Office. "Homeland Security Investigations will use all of our resources to investigate and arrest individuals engaged in human smuggling. This cold, heartless enterprise generates billions of dollars