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PRESS RELEASE

Plattsburgh, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian announced today that on February 8, 2011, VICTOR J. LAZORE, age 25, of Hogansburg, New York was arraigned and ordered detained without bail by United States Magistrate Judge Larry J. Kudrle. On January 26, 2011, a Federal Grand Jury in Plattsburgh, New York, returned an indictment against LAZORE charging him with the federal firearms offense of possession of firearms by a convicted felon. LAZORE was arrested on a federal arrest warrant on February 4, 2011, by the St. Regis Mohawk Police Department, who are leading the investigation with assistance of the New York State Police Troop B Gun Unit and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

According to the indictment and information made public at the arraignment and detention hearing on Tuesday, the charges arise from a September 13, 2010, traffic stop by the Saint Regis Mohawk Police of a vehicle operated by LAZORE for failing to display a license plate. Officers discovered two rifles and a shotgun, as well as shotgun shells on his person. As a result of LAZORE's 2005 conviction of a state felony drug crime, federal law prohibits his possession of firearms.

The charges are accusations only, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Any questions may be directed to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Horsman in Plattsburgh at (518) 314-7800 or Deputy Criminal Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney William Pericak in Albany at (518) 431-0247.

