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## PRESS RELEASE

Albany, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and James Parmley, U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of New York, today announced that MATTHEW GIBSON, age 48, of Plattsburgh, New York, pled guilty on March 17, 2011 in United States District Court in Albany before the Honorable Norman A. Mordue to a one count Indictment charging him with failing to update his New York State sex offender registration information.

In connection with his plea, GIBSON admitted the following during his plea proceedings:

On or about February 11, 1980 MATTHEW GIBSON was convicted in Murray County, Georgia, Superior Court of the felony offense of Rape in violation of the Georgia Penal Code. GIBSON was sentenced to ten years of imprisonment. GIBSON was released from prison in Georgia in late 1989 and then moved to the State of Tennessee in 1997-1998. Under the laws of Tennessee (as well as the laws of New York State and Georgia if GIBSON resided in either of these two states), GIBSON was required to register as a sex offender, and to update his sex offender registration information if he changed addresses. In addition, as a result of this conviction, GIBSON was required to register under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act.

GIBSON initially registered as a sex offender in the State of Tennessee on November 25, 2009. GIBSON then signed and filed periodic sex offender registration forms in Tennessee on January 6, 2010; March 30, 2010; June 18, 2010; and September 17, 2010. These forms explained GIBSON's duties as a sex offender and some of them contained a specific warning that under the federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, Gibson was required to keep his registration current in each state in which he resided and that upon a change in residence GIBSON had three days to register a change in his address. In each of the aforementioned sex offender forms GIBSON listed a residential address within the State of Tennessee.

In or about early October, 2010 GIBSON moved from his residence in Tennessee to a residence in Georgia. GIBSON stayed at the address in Georgia for a couple of weeks, and then in late October, 2010 traveled from Georgia to the State of New York. GIBSON arrived in the Plattsburgh, New York area in late October, 2010. GIBSON then took up residence at an address at 203 Parker Road, West Chazy, New York. GIBSON resided at

this address for approximately 30 days, after which he stayed in a motel room in the Plattsburgh, New York area with the intention of returning to Georgia the following day. Sex offender registry records show that from September 17, 2010 up until November 30, 2010, (the date on which GIBSON was arrested by local authorities for the instant offense) GIBSON did not update his registration information in Georgia to reflect his October, 2010 travel from Georgia to New York. GIBSON knowingly failed to update his registration information in New York, all between September 17, 2010 and November 30, 2010.

Sentencing was scheduled by Judge Mordue for July 12, 2011, at 10 a.m. in U.S. District Court in Albany. GIBSON faces a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment. He also faces a fine of up to \$250,000.00. GIBSON was detained pending his sentencing.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Marshals Service.

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