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Another Guilty Plea Entered In Drug-related Murder

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RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, and NICOLE M. DUVE, District Attorney for St. Lawrence County, announce that **DEREK COOK**, age 31, Snye, Quebec, Canada, pled guilty today in U.S. District Court in Utica to two separate charges in connection with the attempted robbery and killing of Daniel Simonds in St. Lawrence County on May 13, 2008.

COOK pled guilty to: (1) an Indictment charging him with conspiracy to engage in a Hobbs Act robbery; and (2) an Information charging him with aiding and abetting the possession of a firearm used in relation to a crime of violence, which caused the death of another person. **COOK** faces up to life imprisonment, up to five years of supervised release following any period of incarceration, and up to a \$250,000 fine when he is sentenced on October 8, 2010. **BRIAN J. LATULIPE**, age 28, of Bombay, New York, and **KAIENTANORON L. SWAMP**, age 29, of Snye, Quebec, Canada, previously pled guilty to the same charges and are awaiting sentencing. The case against four others listed below remains pending:

ALAN JACOBS, age 35, of Hogansburg, New York;
CHAD EDWARDS, age 22, of Cornwall, Ontario, Canada;
ANSON EDWARDS, age 24, of Cornwall, Ontario, Canada; and
BRYAN HERNE, aka **Wildcat**, age 31, of Hogansburg, New York.¹

JACOBS and **HERNE** are in U.S. custody pending the disposition of their cases. **ANSON** and **CHAD EDWARDS** are in Canadian custody pending their extradition to the United States to face these charges.

As part of his plea, **COOK** admitted that early on the morning of May 13, 2008, he and the others charged planned to rob Daniel Simonds of a large quantity of Canadian-grown

¹ The charges are mere accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

marijuana and money he had stored at his residence at 649 Porter Lynch Road, Stockholm, New York, in St. Lawrence County. In furtherance of this plan, some of them went to Simonds' residence, where they engaged in a physical confrontation with Simonds. During the confrontation, **LATULIPE** shot Simonds, who died of the gunshot wound seven hours later at a hospital in Vermont.

The charges brought against these defendants are the result of an ongoing investigation undertaken by the St. Lawrence County District Attorney's office in conjunction with the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's office, the New York State Police's Major Crimes Unit, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (and St. Lawrence District Attorney) Nicole Duve, and Assistant U.S. Attorney John M. Katko are handling this prosecution on behalf of the United States.