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## PRESS RELEASE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that

EDWARD CUPRYS, age 51, of Gilboa, New York, pled guilty on Friday, June 3, 2011 before United States District Court Judge David N. Hurd, in Albany, New York to the felony offense of possession of firearms by a prohibited person (convicted felon). Sentencing for CUPRYS is scheduled for October 28, 2011 in Utica, New York. As a result of the conviction, CUPRYS faces a maximum sentence of imprisonment of up to 10 years, supervised release of up to 3 years, and a fine of up to \$250,000.

CUPRYS is a convicted felon due to a 2001 felony conviction of Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon, in violation of New York State law, in Schoharie County Court. CUPRYS admitted in court on June 3, 2011 that he possessed two rifles at his residence in Gilboa on November 16, 2010.

This matter was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, tobacco and firearms (ATF), Albany, New York, and the New York State Police, Troop G.

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