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NEWS RELEASE

RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announced that on Monday, June 6, 2011, TIMOFEY TOLOCHKOV, age 31, of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada and his father, LEONID TOLOTCHKOV, age 53, also of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, pled guilty in U.S. District Court to making false statements to U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at the Thousand Islands Bridge on March 4, 2010.

Both men pled guilty to making false statements as they sought to enter the United States from Canada in an effort to deliver for sale a prohibited, right hand drive, Nissan Skyline automobile. The false statements consisted of deceiving Customs and Border Protection officers as to the true purpose of their travel into the United States. Both men face up to five years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 and a three year period of supervised release and a special assessment of \$100 when sentence is imposed on October 11, 2011 in Syracuse, New York.

This case was investigated by the United States Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") resident agency (Syracuse). The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard R. Southwick.