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News Release

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York; Clifford C. Holly, Special Agent-in-Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Albany Division; Michael Cox, Chief of Police, Endicott Police Department; and Mark W. Williams, Chief of Police, Utica Police Department, make the following announcement:

As a result of an investigation conducted by the Utica Police Department, Endicott Police Department, and Binghamton FBI, defendant Tristan J. Skeete, aka Snook, 25, of Endicott, New York, pleaded guilty today in Federal Court in Binghamton, New York. Defendant Skeete pleaded guilty to one count of Using, Carrying, and Discharging a Firearm During a Drug Trafficking Crime and one count of engaging in a Drug Trafficking Conspiracy. Sentencing is scheduled for November 29, 2011 at the Federal Courthouse in Binghamton, New York. At sentencing, defendant Skeete faces a mandatory minimum imprisonment term of 10 years in federal prison and a possible maximum imprisonment term of Life. Defendant also faces a possible maximum fine of \$2,000,000. Skeete is incarcerated and will remain in the custody of the U.S. Marshal's Service until

sentencing.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Miroslav Lovric. Further inquiries may be directed to the United States Attorney's Office, Binghamton branch office at (607) 773-2887.