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## WATERTOWN MAN INDICTED FOR POSSESSING STOLEN FIREARM

RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN, United States Attorney, Northern District of New York announces that a federal Grand Jury in Syracuse has returned a two-count indictment charging **SHAWN J. ADAMS (38, of Watertown, NY)** with being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of a stolen firearm. Specifically, the indictment alleges that **SHAWN J. ADAMS**, a convicted felon, possessed a stolen Remington, SPR 453, 12 gauge, semi-automatic shotgun that had been manufactured in Russia which had been shipped and transported in interstate and foreign commerce. If found guilty, the defendant faces a statutory maximum sentence of Life, a statutory mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years, a term of supervised release of up to 5 years, and a maximum fine of \$250,000.00.

The charges and allegations contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

This prosecution resulted from an investigation conducted by the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) Syracuse Office, the Watertown Police Department, and the New York State Police Troop D Unit. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Ransom P. Reynolds. Further questions may be directed to Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney John Duncan at (315) 448-0672.