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Three More Sentences Handed Out In Drug-related Murder Case

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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 three more defendants were sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Utica for their role in the attempted robbery and killing of Daniel Simonds in St. Lawrence County on May 13, 2008. The defendants and the sentences they received are as follows:

1. **BRIAN J. LATULIPE**, age 28, of Bombay, New York, was sentenced to 168 months imprisonment;
2. **KAIENTANORON L. SWAMP**, age 29, of Snyc, Quebec, Canada, was sentenced to 151 months imprisonment; and
3. **BRYAN HERNE, aka Wildcat**, age 31, of Hogansburg, New York, was sentenced to 135 months imprisonment.

All three defendants previously pled guilty to the Indictment, which charged them with conspiracy to engage in a Hobbs Act robbery, and an Information, which charged them with possessing and aiding and abetting the possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. As part of their pleas, all three defendants admitted that early on the morning of May 13, 2008, they and the others charged in this case planned to rob Daniel Simonds of a large quantity of Canadian-grown marijuana and money he had stored at his residence at 649 Porter Lynch Road, Stockholm, New York. In furtherance of this plan, some of them went to Simonds' residence, where they engaged in a physical confrontation with Simonds. During the confrontation, Simonds was shot once by one of his assailants. He died later that day at a hospital in Vermont.

Co-defendant **ALAN JACOBS**, age 36, Hogansburg, New York, was previously sentenced to 25 years imprisonment and co-defendant **DEREK COOKE**, age 31, Snyc, Quebec, Canada, was previously sentenced to 151 months imprisonment. The remaining co-defendants, **CHAD EDWARDS**, age 22, and **ANSON EDWARDS**, age 24, both of Cornwall, Ontario, Canada, will be sentenced in September 2012.

This prosecution was the result of an 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 (315-379-2225) and Assistant U.S. Attorney John M. Katko (315-448-0672) are handling this prosecution on behalf of the United States.