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TAMPA MEN PLEAD GUILTY TO ARMED ROBBERY OF CHARLEY'S STEAKHOUSE

TAMPA - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill announces that Kyle Anthony Larson (21) and Osvaldo Martinez (27), both of Tampa, pleaded guilty today to the October 18, 2010 armed robbery of Charley's Steakhouse in Tampa. Larson and Martinez each face a maximum penalty of twenty years in federal prison on two counts and a mandatory minimum sentence of seven years on the third count, up to life imprisonment.

According to the plea agreement, on October 18, 2010, an armed robbery occurred at Charley's Steakhouse, Tampa, Florida after it had closed for the evening. The robbery had been planned by Edgar Colon, who worked at Charley's as a dishwasher. Kyle Anthony Larson, Rogelio Torres and Osvaldo Yasel Martinez. Torres also worked at the restaurant.

Larson and Martinez entered the restaurant armed with a firearm and a knife. After assaulting employees of the restaurant and robbing them, Larson and Martinez ran out of the restaurant to a waiting vehicle occupied by Torres. Tampa Police officers quickly responded to the scene and took chase as Martinez and Larson jumped into the waiting vehicle. The vehicle Torres was was ultimately stopped on the Howard Franklin Bridge, where Torres and Martinez were arrested. Larson, who fled from the vehicle and jumped

into Tampa Bay, was later pulled from the water and arrested. A Tampa Police Department diver recovered a bag containing the proceeds of the robbery. The loaded firearm and a hunting knife used in the robbery were recovered in the getaway vehicle. Edgar Colon was arrested a short time later after it was learned that he had helped plan the robbery. Colon and Torres pled guilty on March 22, 2011 and are awaiting sentencing.

This is another case prosecuted as a part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" program - a nationwide, gun-violence reduction strategy led by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill, along with Virginia O'Brien, Special Agent-in-Charge (ATF), is coordinating the Project Safe Neighborhood in the Middle District of Florida, in cooperation with federal, state, and local law enforcement officials.

This case was investigated by Tampa Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Colleen Murphy Davis.