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**THREE PLEAD GUILTY TO STEALING FIREARMS**

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. – Three men pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers to aiding and abetting each other in stealing firearms from a licensed firearms dealer. Joshua M. Sadler, 21, of Hurricane, West Virginia, and James A. Thompson, 21 and Harold A. Thompson, 20, both of Culloden, West Virginia, admitted that on May 24, 2009, they stole nine firearms from Johnny's Gun and Pawn Shop located in Culloden. Each face up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine when sentenced on February 14, 2011.

The Cabell County Sheriff's Department, Putnam County Sheriff's Department, Huntington Police Department, Hurricane Police Department, West Virginia State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives jointly conducted the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Lisa G. Johnson is handling the prosecution.

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