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Plattsburgh, N.Y.- Clinton County District Attorney Andrew J. Wylie announced today that Dustin C. Hill, dob: 11/17/1989, formerly of 44 Waterhouse Street, Plattsburgh, N.Y., plead guilty to one count of Murder Second Degree, a class A felony, in Clinton County Court this afternoon. Hill appeared in front of the Hon. Kevin K. Ryan with his attorney Heather Maure to enter the plea. Hill's plea satisfied the pending indictment which also charged Strangulation First Degree and Petit Larceny.



Hill was charged with causing the death of Jason M. Larabie (dob: 3/12/79) of Plattsburgh, N.Y., on August 7, 2011 in the area of Green Street, next to the Saranac River in the City of Plattsburgh, by placing his arm around Larabie's neck until Larabie loss consciousness, and thereafter continued to apply pressure to Larabie's neck until he died. The autopsy procedure conducted by Michael Sikirica, M.D., of Waterford, New York, ruled that the cause of death of Jason Larabie was asphyxiation due to strangulation. Dustin Hill was also charged with stealing five dollars from Jason Larabie's wallet after killing Larabie. Hill turned over the five dollar bill to the Plattsburgh City Police Department during Hill's initial arrest.

The negotiated sentence is a indeterminate sentence of eighteen (18) years to life, a fine up to five thousand dollars to be imposed at the Court's discretion, \$300.00 surcharge, \$25.00 crime victim assistance fee, provide a DNA sample and a \$50.00 DNA databank fee, and restitution for funeral expenses. By entering a plea to Murder Second Degree, the defendant agreed to waive his right to trial, waive his right to post conviction remedies as well as waiving his right to appeal. Judge Kevin Ryan scheduled the matter for sentencing on February 28, 2012.

Dustin Hill was relatively cooperative during his arrest and the investigative proceedings. He acknowledged his guilt and was remorseful for his criminal conduct which lead to the death of Mr. Larabie. In recommending the 18 to Life

indeterminate sentence, the District Attorney took into consideration the position of the victim's family; the defendant's age, cooperation and remorsefulness.

"The 18 years to Life was a just and proper disposition and sentence of this case."

District Attorney Wylie further stated that: "With Mr. Hill entering a plea today, the Larabie family will have some closure to this case. Jason Larabie's father, mother and sister were present in Court during the plea allocution. After consulting with the District Attorney, the Larabie family indicated their satisfaction with the terms of the negotiated sentence."

The case was investigated by the Plattsburgh City Police Department's detective unit and patrol unit. The case was prosecuted by District Attorney Andrew Wylie with the assistance of Assistant District Attorneys Douglas Collyer and Nick Evanovich.