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**Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley
Announces Guilty Verdict in People v. Richard Tortorice**

Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley announced today, March 5, 2012, that Richard Tortorice was convicted by a Monroe County Jury of three counts of Burglary in the First Degree, two counts of Robbery in the First Degree, two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree and one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree. Sentencing has been scheduled for April 4, 2012.

The charges stem from an incident occurring on November 26, 2010, wherein Richard Tortorice and Dennis Tortorice entered a barber shop located at 758 Elmgrove Road in the Town of Gates, forced the victim and homeowner to the ground, tied him up and held him at gunpoint while stealing money from the residence.

Dennis Tortorice, who was also charged in this indictment, pled guilty to Robbery in the First Degree. He is scheduled to be sentenced on March 7, 2012.

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