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## **TOGIAC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO WILDLIFE CHARGE**

Anchorage, Alaska – Acting United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced today, December 30, 2008, that Roy D. Petersen, Jr., a resident of Togiak, Alaska, pleaded guilty in federal court in Anchorage to one charge of violating the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Rowland, age 27, pleaded guilty to one count before United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess.

In connection with the guilty plea, Assistant United States Attorney Steven E. Skrocki advised the court that Petersen was involved in the illegal transportation and sale of a walrus head mount, a walrus tusk and the jawbone of a walrus.

Judge Sedwick scheduled sentencing for March 6, 2009 at 2:00 pm. The law provides for a total sentence of one year in prison, a fine of \$100,000, and five years of probation. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service, with assistance of the Alaska Department of Public Safety, Division of Wildlife Troopers, conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Petersen.

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