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**ANCHOR POINT MAN SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN FEDERAL
PRISON FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced today that Daniel Aaron Cox, a resident of Anchor Point, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 60 months in prison for his conviction of being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition.

Chief United States District Court Judge John W. Sedwick imposed the sentence on Cox, 25.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Kelly Cavanaugh. Cox pled guilty to one count of an indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. In Homer, on November 15, 2008, Cox approached a woman in a grocery store parking lot and attempted to sell her marijuana. The woman refused and called the Homer Police Department, giving them a description of Cox and the vehicle he was driving. Homer Police contacted Cox, after speaking with him and smelling a strong odor of marijuana, Homer Police applied for and executed a search warrant on Cox's vehicle. Inside the vehicle Homer Police found 9.5 grams of processed marijuana as well as a .22 caliber pistol. In a later interview, Cox admitted to possession of the firearm and the marijuana. Cox has prior felony convictions in the State of Alaska for robbery, misconduct involving a controlled substance, and theft. The firearm was forfeited.

Ms. Loeffler commended the Homer Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Cox. Cox was prosecuted under the Project Safe Neighborhood program, a nationwide commitment to reducing firearm and gang crime in America.

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