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**NINE DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT
TO INVOLVEMENT IN VIOLENT DRUG DISTRIBUTION CONSPIRACY**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced today, June 9, 2009, that nine of the twelve individuals named in a violent conspiracy to distribute cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, and crack have pled guilty in federal court to the charge of drug conspiracy and admitted to the forfeiture of seized items that includes machine guns, hand guns, ammunition, vehicles, and U.S. currency.

Phonesavanh Vongthongdy, a/k/a “Noi”, age 22, pled guilty to one count of drug conspiracy and one count of possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime.

Timothy Ray Moore Jr., a/k/a “TJ”, age 27, pled guilty to one count of drug conspiracy.

Kenese Sene, age 35, pled guilty to one count of drug conspiracy.

Seirosa Sia Milo, a/k/a “Losa”, age 27, pled guilty to one count of drug conspiracy and one count of possession of heroin with intent to distribute.

Bernard Yamura White, a/k/a “Garcia”, age 27, pled guilty to one count of drug conspiracy.

Miguel Robles, age 23, pled guilty to one count of drug conspiracy.

Vaughan Erickson, age 29, pled guilty to one count of drug conspiracy.

Harold Cogo Graham, age 22, pled guilty to one count of drug conspiracy and one count of possession of heroin and methamphetamine with intent to distribute.

Patrick Allen Osburn, age 26, pled guilty to one count of drug conspiracy.

In connection with the guilty pleas, Special Assistant United States Attorney Christine M. Thoreson and Assistant United States Attorney Frank V. Russo, who are prosecuting the case, advised the court that the drug conspiracy, which dates back to 2005, operated between Van Nuys, California, and Alaska. Over the course of the conspiracy, the defendants either possessed, attempted to possess, or distributed cocaine, heroin, crack, and methamphetamine. During the course of the investigation, over six

kilograms of cocaine, 500 grams of heroin, one kilogram of methamphetamine, over a dozen firearms, and over \$100,000 in cash was seized.

United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline announced that the sentencing of the nine defendants will take place during the latter part of August 2009. The maximum penalties for the drug conspiracy charge include a minimum of 10 years in prison and maximum of life in prison, a \$4 million fine, and at least five years of supervised release. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based upon the seriousness of the offense and the criminal history, if any, of the defendants.

Pending sentencing, Judge Beistline continued the detention of the nine defendants.

Authorities are attempting to locate Diego Sebastian Munoz, a/k/a "Ruben", age 27, and Jose Ruis, a/k/a "Juan Berez". Anyone with information on their whereabouts should call the DEA (907) 271-5033 or APD at (907) 786-8500.

The Anchorage Police Department's Drug Enforcement Unit and the DEA Anchorage District Office conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case. SAUSA Thoreson is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are on loan from the Municipality of Anchorage as a result of the Anti-Gang and Youth Violence federal grant.

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