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**22-YEAR-OLD ANCHORAGE MAN TO SERVE  
10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON ON CRACK CHARGES**

Anchorage, Alaska – Acting United States Attorney Kevin Feldis announced that on May 19, 2009, Damonta Ronnell Moore, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court to ten years in prison for possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Chief United States District Court Judge John W. Sedwick imposed the sentence on Moore, age 22.

According to Special Assistant United States Attorney Christine M. Thoreson, who prosecuted the case, the evidence presented to the court established that on or about August 7, 2008, Anchorage police officers assigned to the Special Assignment Unit were looking for Moore, who had several outstanding arrest warrants. When officers spotted Moore in the south Mountain View area, Moore ran in the opposite direction of the officers. Moore was chased by officers in a foot race, and the pursuing officers saw Moore attempt to throw a white grocery bag onto a nearby rooftop. Moore was ultimately caught by the officers. In the white grocery bag that Moore attempted to throw away, there was 157.9 grams of crack cocaine. Tattooed on Moore's forearms were the words "Soulja Crew", the name of an Anchorage street gang.

Mr. Feldis commended the Anchorage Police Department Special Assignments Unit who conducted the investigation leading to the conviction and sentence in this case. SAUSA Thoreson is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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