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**ANCHORAGE MAN SENTENCED TO 8 YEARS IN
FEDERAL PRISON FOR ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFICKING**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced that on May 12, 2009, Kenny Vongprachanh, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 96 months incarceration for his conviction of possession of illegal narcotics with intent to distribute.

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentence on Vongprachanh, age 27.

According to information presented to the court by Special Assistant United States Attorney Kelly Cavanaugh, who prosecuted the case, Vongprachanh was driving a car containing a wide range of illegal drugs when he was stopped by the police in Eagle River on March 12, 2008. During a search of the vehicle, Anchorage Police Officers found 28.5 grams of methamphetamine, 8.8 grams of heroin, .3 grams of cocaine, 34 tablets of MDMA (ecstasy), a digital scale used for weighing illegal narcotics, and a cellular telephone. In addition to other evidence, one of Vongprachanh's fingerprints was found on the digital scale. Vongprachanh also had a large amount of cash on his person when he was stopped and arrested.

Ms. Loeffler commended the Anchorage Police Department and Drug Enforcement Administration for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Vongprachanh. Vongprachanh was prosecuted under the Project Safe Neighborhood program, a nationwide commitment to reducing firearm and gang crime in America.

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