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**SEATTLE MAN FOUND GUILTY BY FEDERAL JURY OF
CONSPIRING TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE IN
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA FACES MANDATORY 20-YEAR SENTENCE**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced that on October 8, 2009, after deliberating for approximately two hours, a federal jury in Anchorage found Ramon L. Hueso, of Seattle, Washington, guilty of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Hueso, age 27, was tried before Chief United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Aunnie Steward, who prosecuted the case, the evidence presented at trial established that Hueso acted as a source of methamphetamine for his accomplices from sometime in 2007, to May 2008. The defendant, together with his accomplices, conspired to send approximately 22 ounces of methamphetamine to Ketchikan, Alaska by courier to be sold on the streets of Ketchikan. The value of the methamphetamine in Ketchikan was approximately \$56,000.

Judge Beistline scheduled sentencing for December 17, 2009, at 9:00 am. The law provides for a mandatory minimum of 20 years in prison, and a maximum of life in prison, a fine of \$8,000,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based on the seriousness of the offenses and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant. Hueso continues to remain in custody pending sentencing.

The Ketchikan Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration at SEATAC conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Hueso.

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