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**ANCHORAGE MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR CONVICTION OF TRAFFICKING COCAINE**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced that on August 31, 2009, Stacy Demetrius Hunt, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 15 years in a federal prison on his conviction of trafficking cocaine.

United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline imposed the sentence on Hunt, age 41.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Aunnie Steward, who prosecuted the case, Hunt was charged with attempted possession of a kilogram of cocaine with the intent to distribute in 2004. At the time of his arrest Hunt gave an alias, then fled and remained a fugitive for almost four years. The defendant was arrested by the Oakland, California Police Department on December 13, 2007, for allegations of domestic violence, and it was discovered that there was a warrant for his arrest in this case. The defendant pled guilty and was sentenced yesterday.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Beistline stated that Hunt had a lengthy criminal history, that he damaged the community by dealing in drugs and he had no respect for the law. Based upon these facts and other factors, such as Mr. Hunt's extensive criminal history, Judge Beistline imposed a sentence five years above the recommended sentence under the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines.

Ms. Loeffler commended the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Anchorage Police Department for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Hunt.

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