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Rutherford Sentenced for Mailing Threatening Letters

BISMARCK - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley announced that on February 9, 2009, **Robert W. Rutherford**, formerly of Bismarck, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland on two counts of threat by interstate communications.

Rutherford, 47, pleaded guilty on November 24, 2008. The incidents occurred between April 10, 2007, and June 27, 2007, when **Rutherford** mailed letters threatening death or injury of two Bismarck residents.

Judge Hovland sentenced **Rutherford** to serve six years and two months in federal prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release. **Rutherford** was ordered to pay a \$200 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Burleigh County Sheriff's Office.

Assistant United States Attorney Clare Hochhalter prosecuted the case.

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