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Hutchinson man indicted for conspiring to distribute marijuana, methamphetamine

MINNEAPOLIS—A federal indictment unsealed last week charges a 31-year-old Hutchinson man with conspiring to distribute marijuana and methamphetamine. The indictment, which was filed on September 8, 2011, charges Joshua Anthony Munoz with one count of conspiracy, two counts of distribution of methamphetamine, and one count of possession with intent to distribute 50 or more grams of methamphetamine. On September 22, 2011, the indictment was unsealed following Munoz's initial appearance in federal court.

The indictment alleges that between 2009 and April 29, 2011, Munoz conspired with others to distribute marijuana and 50 or more grams of methamphetamine. In addition, it alleges that on December 7 and 10, 2009, Munoz distributed methamphetamine, and that on April 29, 2011, Munoz possessed with intent to distribute 50 or more grams of methamphetamine.

If convicted, Munoz faces a potential maximum penalty of life in prison for conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute and 20 years for each count of distribution. All sentences will be determined by a federal district court judge.

This case is the result of an investigation by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the Hutchinson Police Department, the Southwest Metro Drug Task Force, the St. Paul Police Department and the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas M. Hollenhorst.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by a defendant. A defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.