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**MOSINEE MAN CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTING HEROIN
WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH**

Madison, Wis. - Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced the unsealing of an indictment returned by a federal grand jury sitting in Madison on January 27, 2009, charging Richard Crayton, 44, Mosinee, Wis., with the distribution of heroin which resulted in the death of an individual from use of the substance.

If convicted, Crayton faces a mandatory minimum penalty of twenty years in prison and a maximum penalty of life in prison.

The charge against Crayton is the result of an investigation conducted by the Merrill Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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