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## **ANCHORAGE DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 9 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on April 14, 2008, Esthepen Delossantos Pebenito, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 108 months in federal prison for his convictions of distributing controlled substances.

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentence on Pebenito, 33, who resides at 4510 Wright Street, #19, in Anchorage.

According to information presented to the court by Special Assistant United States Attorney Erin White, Pebenito distributed five grams or more of crack cocaine, on two separate occasions. Additionally, the government had information that the defendant was also involved in a separate conspiracy to distribute over 50 grams of crack cocaine. The defendant admitted to this additional conspiracy as “relevant conduct,” and it served to enhance his sentence.

Judge Burgess found that the 108-month sentence was appropriate, based upon factors detailed in the United States Code, which include the nature of the offense and the criminal history of the defendant.

Mr. Cohen commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force, which is comprised of FBI agents and Anchorage Police Department officers, for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Pebenito. SAUSA White is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney’s Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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