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**ANCHORAGE MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR HIS CONVICTION OF MANUFACTURING/DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on February 1, 2008, Derek Lamont Elliott, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 60 months for his conviction of manufacturing and/or distributing a controlled substance.

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentence on Elliott, age 45, of 5920 Keyann Circle, in Anchorage.

According to information presented to the court by Special Assistant United States Attorney Erin White, Elliott processed powder cocaine into crack cocaine, which he provided to co-defendant Bjorn Elliott who in turn sold the crack to a government informant. The amount of crack involved in this drug transaction amounted to 12.1 grams. Bjorn Elliott will be sentenced on February 22, 2008.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Burgess noted the defendant's criminal history and his history of substance abuse.

Mr. Cohen commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Streets Task Force for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Elliott. SAUSA White is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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