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**ANCHORAGE RESIDENT INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY
ON THREE COUNTS OF DRUG DISTRIBUTION**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that Terry Lee Lovingood of Anchorage, Alaska, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage on three counts of distribution of controlled substances.

The three-count indictment named Lovingood, age 26, of 202 North Klevin, Anchorage, Alaska, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, Lovingood, on three separate occasions in early 2008, distributed controlled substances, which contained a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of crack cocaine.

Special Assistant United States Attorney Christine M. Thoreson, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a mandatory minimum of five years in prison, with a maximum of forty years in prison, a fine of \$400,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case. SAUSA Thoreson 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.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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