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**Ralph S. Boelter, Special Agent in Charge of the Minneapolis FBI office, today, announced the federal arrest of Eder H. Rojas, age 19, of Woodbury, Minnesota. FBI agents from the Fargo FBI office arrested Rojas yesterday, at approximately 8:30 p.m., in Minneapolis, Minnesota.**

**This morning, May 15, 2008, a federal criminal complaint was filed in United States District Court, District of North Dakota, Fargo, North Dakota, charging Eder H. Rojas with violating Title 18, U.S.C Section 32 (a)(1), for allegedly setting fire to and damaging an aircraft, specifically the May 7, 2008, Northwest/Compass Airlines Flight # 2040. Rojas will make his Initial Appearance in a Minneapolis, Minnesota federal courtroom later today.**

**Special Agent in Charge Ralph Boelter commented, “Outstanding cooperation and an excellent investigative effort between several federal and local agencies resulted in federal charges being filed today. This investigation is a collaborative effort by the ATF, NTSB, Fargo Police Department, North Dakota United States Attorney’s Office, TSA and the FBI.” In addition, Special Agent in Charge Ralph Boelter commented, “The FBI would like to thank Compass Airlines for their extraordinary cooperation in this matter.”**

**The United States Attorney’s Office, District of North Dakota is prosecuting this case.**

***The charges in a federal criminal complaint are merely an accusation and defendants are presumed innocent until they are proven guilty.***      **###**