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**Alaska Man Pleads Guilty to Federal Drug Charges**

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Jeffrey Polk**, 36, of Anchorage Alaska, pled guilty on December 18, 2008, in U.S. District Court in Portland, Maine, to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine. Polk faces a possible sentence of at least 10 years up to life imprisonment, and a fine of not more than \$4,000,000.

Court records reveal that between January 2002 and June 2005, Polk conspired with others to possess with the intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of cocaine, 50 grams or more of cocaine base and oxycodone. Polk was first introduced to the conspiracy and its leader by his cocaine supplier, at a Maine hotel. Polk expressed his interest in making money selling cocaine for the leader and an agreement was reached. Polk started dealing cocaine in the Lincoln, Maine area and would receive deliveries of the drugs from other co-conspirators. Polk distributed cocaine to several other co-conspirators and also collected proceeds from the sales. Having accumulated a significant drug debt to the conspiracy's leader, Polk agreed to work off his debt by making "runs" to and from Florida. Polk drove vehicles containing hidden amounts of cash from Maine to the leader in Florida, and make return trips in vehicles containing hidden amounts of cocaine.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

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