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**KETCHIKAN MAN AND WOMAN INDICTED ON
FEDERAL DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES**

Anchorage, Alaska – U.S. Attorney Bryan Schroder announced today that a Ketchikan man and woman have been indicted on federal drug trafficking charges.

Michael Anthony Welker, 54, and Mandy Elaine Bacus a/k/a Mandy Elaine Peters, 35, both of Ketchikan, were named in the indictment charging them with drug conspiracy.

According to court records, between June 1, 2017, and Sept. 15, 2017, Welker and Bacus allegedly sold methamphetamine, lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), cocaine, and heroin on numerous occasions to an undercover informant from their residence located in Ketchikan. Welker and Bacus were subsequently arrested by law enforcement officers on Jan. 23, 2018, in Ketchikan. Their Ketchikan residence is now subject to forfeiture.

Welker and Bacus were arraigned yesterday in Juneau federal court and were ordered detained pending trial, which has been scheduled for April 2, 2018.

The Ketchikan Police Department (“KPD”) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”) conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack Schmidt.

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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