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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that a federal grand jury sitting in Madison returned an indictment today charging Kurt Schels, 29, of Eagle River, Wisconsin, and Ronald Sellers, 42, of Eagle River, Wisconsin, with distributing more than 500 grams of cocaine. If convicted, Schels and Sellers face a mandatory minimum penalty of five years in jail and a maximum penalty of forty years in jail, a \$2,000,000 fine, and at least four years of supervised release.

Schels and Sellers were arrested on September 15, 2008 in Oconto County, Wisconsin.

The charge against Schels and Sellers is the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, the Vilas County Sheriff's Department, the Oneida County Sheriff's Department, the Oconto County Sheriff's Department, the Marinette County Sheriff's Department, the Wisconsin State Patrol, the Kingsford, Michigan Public Safety Department, the Iron Mountain, Michigan Police Department, the Norway, Michigan Police Department, and the Dickinson County, Michigan Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is

presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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