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“FORMER ICE AGENT PLEADS TO IMPORTING STERIODS”

Seattle – Today, James A. McDevitt, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, announced that Sean Patrick Ganley, age 37, of Bellingham, Washington pleaded guilty to importing human steroids into the United States. Sentencing is scheduled for September 13, 2010.

According to the plea agreement the Food and Drug Administration’s Office of Criminal Investigations began an investigation when a package containing human growth hormone and steroids arrived in New York from Beijing, China in April 2008. It was discovered by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Inspectors working the International Mail Facility at JFK Airport in New York. Further investigation revealed Sean Patrick Ganley, who was a Special Agent with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement assigned to the Blaine, Washington office, surreptitiously sent three wire transfers to China and ordered the steroids using a false telephone number and fictitious address.

James A. McDevitt, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington, said, “We expect the utmost honesty and integrity of our federal law enforcement officers. It will not be tolerated when they break the very laws they are sworn to uphold.”

A conviction for importing steroids carries a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment, a \$500,000 fine, and not less than 2 years of court supervision after release.

This investigation was conducted by the Food and Drug Administration’s Office of Criminal Investigation and the Office of Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security. To avoid any conflict of interest with the United States Attorney’s Office in Seattle, this case is being prosecuted by Thomas Rice, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Washington.

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