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**WASHINGTON COUNTY ATTORNEY FILES
WEAPON CHARGES AGAINST MURDER SUSPECT**

Washington County Attorney Doug Johnson announced today that his office has filed a criminal complaint against 29 year old Christopher Soriano Ledesma (6/22/1979) of Woodbury on felony charges of Possession of a Pistol by an Ineligible Person and Terroristic Threats.

On September 20, 2008, Woodbury Police were called to the residence of the suspect's parents. The suspect's brother was there and told police that Ledesma came to the door of the house and was threatening him with a gun. Ledesma was reportedly intoxicated and was trying to get into the house. When police arrived, they found Ledesma in the driveway of his parent's home. He was doing something with his hands at waist level and refused to put his hands up when ordered to do so by police. Ledesma bent over and police heard a clunk from something hard hitting the ground. Police ordered him to the ground. Ledesma complied. A .38 caliber revolver was then found by police about three to four yards away from Ledesma. The hammer was cocked and the gun was ready to fire. Inside the chamber was one round. Three spent casings were found in Ledesma's right front pocket and a single live round was in his left rear pocket. All rounds were .38 caliber, matching the revolver.

Ledesma was convicted in 1996 of two counts of First Degree Reckless Injury in Wisconsin and was sentenced to six years in state prison, followed by ten years probation. These convictions are crimes of violence and make Ledesma ineligible to possess a pistol under Minnesota law.

Ledesma is also a suspect in the murder of his ex-girlfriend, Kelly Dahm. The victim's body was found in Hudson Wisconsin the same day Ledesma was arrested in Woodbury.

For further information, please contact Doug Johnson or Susan Harris at the Washington County Attorney's Office, 651-430-6115. A copy of the complaint is attached.