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### **FIRST “211” PRISON GANG TRIAL ENDS IN CONVICTION**

A Denver jury has convicted the first of several defendants accused of criminal activity as part of the so-called “211” prison gang.

**Ralph Dickey** (dob: 09-16-74) was convicted today of violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA) – a class 2 felony; two counts of distributing methamphetamine – a class 3 felony; and manufacturing methamphetamine – a class 3 felony. He will be sentenced March 14th, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in Denver District Courtroom 16.

Dickey is the first of a dozen defendants to go on trial in connection with the 211 gang. The trial lasted nearly two weeks; the jury was out less than an hour before returning the guilty verdicts.

The presumptive range for sentencing on a class 2 felony is up to 24 years in prison; the range for a class 3 felony is up to 12 years in prison.