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THREE CO-DEFENDANTS OF LARGE SCALE METHAMPHETAMINE ORGANIZATION SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT

Lafayette, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that three members of a large scale methamphetamine organization based out of the Acadiana region of the Western District of Louisiana were sentenced this week by U. S. District Judge Rebecca F. Doherty. Dawn Broussard, 39, of Lake Arthur, La., was sentenced to 123 months in prison and five years supervised release; Justin Regan, 28, of Iota, La., was sentenced to 120 months in prison and five years supervised release; and Daniel Wright, 38, was sentenced to 70 months in prison and five years supervised release. The sentences are a result of Broussard, Regan and Wright pleading guilty to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Broussard, Regan and Wright and four additional co-defendants were indicted in December of 2010 on conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. According to court documents, this drug trafficking organization was responsible for purchasing methamphetamine from sources in Texas for distribution throughout the Acadiana region. Additionally, Wright conspired with others to develop a methamphetamine laboratory to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine in the region. The conspiracy involved the distribution of approximately five kilograms of methamphetamine.

The four remaining co-defendants will be scheduled for sentencing at a later date.

United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley stated, "Drug trafficking of any kind is a threat to our communities. The U. S. Attorney's Office, along with our federal, state and local partners, will continue to vigorously investigate, arrest, indict and seek lengthy periods of incarceration for anyone who engages in drug distribution. We are committed to holding drug dealers accountable for the harm that they do in this district."

This case was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Lafayette, La. Post of Duty, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office and Lafayette Metro Narcotics Task Force. Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. McCoy is prosecuting the case.

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