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Jury Finds Tulsa Man Guilty of Methamphetamine and Gun Crimes

U.S. Attorney David E. O'Meilia announced that a federal jury returned a guilty verdict yesterday against a Tulsa man for trafficking in methamphetamine and related gun crimes.

Fred Allen Shields, 35, was found guilty of possessing methamphetamine with intent to distribute, possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. On August 19, 2008, the Tulsa PD Special Investigations Division and local drug task force officers searched Shield's residence and found plastic bags and bindles containing methamphetamine packaged for distribution, marijuana and crack cocaine, as well as digital scales used for weighing drugs, cash and a loaded .40 caliber pistol. Shields has four previous state felony convictions including 2nd degree murder, burglary of automobile, concealing stolen property and possessing a firearm after a felony conviction. The Indictment charging Shields was issued by a federal Grand Jury in December 2008.

Shields was detained prior to the trial and he remains in custody without bond. His sentencing is set before U.S. District Judge Gregory Frizzell on July 7, 2009, after the completion of a pre-sentence investigation. Count One, Possession of Controlled Substances with Intent to Distribute, carries a minimum sentence of 5 years, and a maximum sentence of 40 years of imprisonment, and a fine of not more than \$250,000. Count Two, Possession of Firearm in Furtherance of Drug Trafficking Crime, carries a mandatory 5 year consecutive sentence, and up to a \$250,000 fine. Count Three, Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon, carries up to ten years imprisonment and a fine of not more than \$250,000.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Robert Raley and Clinton Johnson of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tulsa represented the government in the matter. The investigation was conducted by the Tulsa PD Special Investigations Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation and local task forces officers assigned to the FBI.

U.S. Attorney O’Meilia commended the investigators and prosecutors in the Shield’s case and further stated that, “We continue our commitment to work with local police departments and federal investigators to aggressively weed out those individuals who distribute illegal drugs in our community.”