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## **ELEVEN FROM METH BUST IN HARDIN & TYLER COUNTIES SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON**

(Beaumont, TX) Over the last two weeks, United States District Judge Marcia Crone has sentenced eleven individuals to federal prison for drug trafficking crimes in Hardin and Tyler counties.

Ten defendants were sentenced for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine. **JAMES EASON**, 41 of Fred received 324 months in prison, **DINA REYNOLDS**, 32 of Phoenix, AZ, 120 months in prison, **ALLEN ALLDREDGE**, 21 of Phoenix, AZ, 210 months in prison, **JOHN GORDON, JR.**, 27 of Fred, 135 months in prison, **ANTHONY BRIAN MARTIN**, 24 of Fred, 120 months in prison, **STEPHEN LANCE RAYON**, 35, of Vidor, 78 months in prison, **JERRY GORE**, 31 of Fred, 327 months in prison, **ROBERT CLARK**, 36 of Silsbee, 360 months in prison, **CHARLES DEREK PHELPS**, 47 of Lumberton, 137 months in prison, and **JASON LUKE WELBORN**, 26, of Silsbee, 120 months in prison. Judge Crone also sentenced **GREGORY WILSON**, 44 of Vidor, to 57 months in prison for Aiding and Abetting with Intent to Possess Methamphetamine. All eleven pleaded guilty on May 25, 2004.

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According to information presented in court, between May and November 2003, the defendants were involved in a conspiracy to transport methamphetamine from the Phoenix, Arizona area and distribute it in Hardin and Tyler Counties. The conspirators transported more than four kilograms of methamphetamine ice for distribution in Southeast Texas.

This case is part of the Methbusters initiative. Methbusters is an aggressive program implemented in the Eastern District of Texas to address the growing problem of methamphetamine trafficking in East Texas. The United States Attorney's Office has joined with law enforcement to aggressively pursue and prosecute those involved with manufacturing and distributing the methamphetamine drug or the chemicals used in its production.

**U.S. Attorney Matthew D. Orwig praised the work of law enforcement in bringing these defendants to justice, "The officers and investigators did an outstanding job removing a significant amount of methamphetamine from the streets of Hardin and Tyler counties. Methamphetamine destroys lives, and those who possess it or distribute it, will be prosecuted."**

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Texas Department of Public Safety, Narcotics Section, and the Hardin County Narcotics Task Force. Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle Englade prosecuted the case.

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