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GARLAND MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG CHARGES

(Tyler, Texas) A 23-year-old Garland man pleaded guilty today to drug trafficking charges in the Eastern District of Texas. **ANDREW RENEE GAYTON** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

According to information presented in court, Gayton and 26-year-old **FELIX LOPEZ SERVIN, III**, of Dallas were arrested on December 23, 2003 during a traffic stop in Smith County. The two men were in possession of 363.2 grams of a substance containing methamphetamine. Servin also pleaded guilty on August 25, 2004.

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. United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced the initiative this summer as a joint venture with law enforcement to aggressively pursue and prosecute those involved with manufacturing and distributing the methamphetamine drug or the chemicals used in its production.

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Both defendants face up to life in prison and a fine of up to \$4 million.

The case is being investigated by the Smith County Constable, Precinct 5, the Texas Department of Public Safety Narcotics Section and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Ann Cozby.

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