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**TEMPLE WOMAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON ON METH CHARGES**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that in Waco this afternoon, 23-year-old Tera Caldwell of Temple, Texas, was sentenced to 200 months in federal prison for her role in a methamphetamine manufacturing conspiracy.

In addition to the prison term, United States Chief District Judge Walter Smith, Jr., ordered that Caldwell pay a \$2,000 fine and that she be placed under supervised release for a period of three years after completing her prison term.

On January 8, 2009, Caldwell pleaded guilty to one count each of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine and possession of pseudoephedrine with intent to manufacture methamphetamine. By pleading guilty, Caldwell admitted that from January 2007 to October 2008, she conspired with others to manufacture methamphetamine and to obtain large amounts of pseudoephedrine from local pharmacies throughout Central Texas to be used in the manufacturing of methamphetamine.

In sentencing Caldwell, Chief Judge Smith upheld a sentencing enhancement provision which called for a more substantial prison term due to the fact she exposed her three children to the dangers of methamphetamine. Two of her children tested positive for having methamphetamine in their blood system.

Caldwell's husband and co-defendant, Patrick Conn, faces up to 30 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to the same charges at the same time as his wife. Sentencing is scheduled for 1:00pm on April 1, 2009.

The case was investigated by the Temple Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Stephanie Smith-Burris is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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