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FORTY DEFENDANTS CHARGED
IN OCDETF METHAMPHETAMINE DISTRIBUTION CONSPIRACY

Little Rock, AR - Bud Cummins, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, announced today that a federal indictment has been handed down against forty (40) defendants for their participation in an organization responsible for transporting methamphetamine from Arizona to Arkansas, Missouri and Texas, for distribution, and related offenses. The investigation has been conducted as an Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) case due to its size and scope.

The Indictment charges 33 defendants with Conspiracy to Distribute and Possession with the Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine. According to the Indictment, from 2002 until July 22, 2005, multiple pound shipments of methamphetamine were regularly transported from Arizona to the Eastern District of Arkansas and elsewhere for distribution on a monthly basis. This methamphetamine was routinely provided on credit by the suppliers to various distributors. Payment was due to the Arizona suppliers after the methamphetamine was sold in the Eastern District of Arkansas and elsewhere.

The Indictment names twenty defendants alleged to have conspired to launder drug proceeds. According to the Indictment, the named defendants conducted financial transactions designed to transfer the proceeds from the sale of methamphetamine to pay the suppliers of the methamphetamine. Various means of conducting these financial transactions were utilized including wire transfers, the transfer of United States currency, and deposits in bank accounts to accomplish this goal.

Six individuals are charged with Misprision of a Felony for their roles in the case.

"While still a serious problem, for a number of reasons we are seeing an overall reduction in the number of local meth labs," Cummins stated. "But that good news is being offset by a predictable increase in imported meth from places like Mexico, California and Arizona. This case represents a significant step in our effort to control this wicked and destructive drug."

The Indictment seeks the forfeiture of \$140,000 in drug-related money laundering proceeds from the individuals named in the money laundering allegation, as well as the forfeiture of 15 firearms seized in the case alleging that the weapons were used to facilitate the drug trafficking operation.

An indictment is only an allegation of wrongdoing. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

DEFENDANTS:

JASON CHRISTOPHER CALICOTT,

a/k/a Kool Aid

Charged in Counts 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II

Age: 31

Little Rock, Arkansas

DAWN ELIZABETH ANZALONE,

Charged in Count 1 and Forfeiture Allegation I

Age: 26

Clinton, Arkansas

TIMOTHY SHANE BARTON,

Charged in Counts 1, 9, and Forfeiture Allegations I & II

Age: 33

Mt. Vernon, Arkansas

TERRY GLEN BIRDWELL,

a/k/a Red

Charged in Count 1 and Forfeiture Allegation I

Age: 43

Texarkana, Texas

LARRY BRANUM,

a/k/a Uncle Larry

Charged in Counts 1, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II

Age: 59

Queen Creek, Arizona

CYNTHIA LEA BROWN,

a/k/a Big Cindy

Charged in Counts 1, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II

Age: 38

Jacksonville, Arkansas

ROY LEE BURNETT, JR.,

Charged in Count 10

Age: 40

Little Rock, Arkansas

CHRISTOPHER STEPHEN BRUCKS,
Charged in Count 1 and Forfeiture Allegation I
Age: 31
Jacksonville, Arkansas

CYNTHIA C. CALICOTT,
Charged in Counts 1, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II
Age: 36
Little Rock, Arkansas

KRISTY CASTELLI,
Charged in Counts 1, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II
Age: 36
Caruthersville, Missouri

MARK W. FERRELL,
Charged in Counts 1, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II
Age: 44
Little Rock, Arkansas

LUETTA FAYE GARNETT,
Charged in Counts 1, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II
Age: 41
Little Rock, Arkansas

PATRICK R. GENTRY,
Charged in Counts 1, 2, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II
Age: 23
Little Rock, Arkansas

LEWIS AUSTIN GRAHAM,
Charged in Counts 1, 3, 4, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II
Age: 27
Cammack Village, Arkansas

JERRY ALAN GRISSOM,
Charged in Counts 1, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II
Age: 42
Greenbrier, Arkansas

CYNDA NATASHA HAMMETT,
Charged in Counts 1, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II
Age: 27
Little Rock, Arkansas

JOE EDWARD HAMMETT,
Charged in Count 1 and Forfeiture Allegation I
Age: 36
Little Rock, Arkansas

CHUCKIE DON HARTWICK,

Charged in Count 9 and Forfeiture Allegation II

Age: 34

Damascus, Arkansas

JAMES FREDERIC HOWARD,

Charged in Count 1 and Forfeiture Allegation I

Age: 24

North Little Rock, Arkansas

TIMOTHY MARK ISON,

Charged in Counts 1, 9, 11, 12, 13 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II

Age: 46

Little Rock, Arkansas

LAURA LEIGH JONES,

Charged in Counts 1, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II

Age: 30

Cabot, Arkansas

KRYSTAL DAWN JOURNIGAN,

Charged in Count 1 and Forfeiture Allegation I

Age: 26

Little Rock, Arkansas

SHAWN M. KING,

Charged in Counts 1, 3, 4 and Forfeiture Allegation I

Age: 39

Little Rock, Arkansas

MARK DUANE LEE,

Charged in Counts 1, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II

Age: 36

Greenbrier, Arkansas

HOLLY DANIELLE LONGORIA,

Charged in Counts 1, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II

Age: 21

Jacksonville, Arkansas

SHAWN LUEPKES,

Charged in Count 1 and Forfeiture Allegation I

Age: 27

Clinton, Arkansas

JAMES SAMUEL MITCHELL,

Charged in Counts 1, 15 and Forfeiture Allegation I

Age: 45

Texarkana, Texas

MEAGAN ELIZABETH MONTGOMERY,
Charged in Count 1 and Forfeiture Allegation I
Age: 29
Little Rock, Arkansas

SAMANTHA AMY MUNRO,
Charged in Count 10
Age: 23
Mayflower, Arkansas

PAUL LEE OGLESBY,
Charged in Counts 1, 5, 6 and Forfeiture Allegation I
Age: 52
Paron, Arkansas

FREDERICK W. ROBINSON,
Charged in Count 1 and Forfeiture Allegation I
Age: 35
Conway, Arkansas

PEGGY LUCILLE RODRIGUEZ,
a/k/a Aunt Peggy
Charged in Counts 1, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II
Age: 43
Queen Creek, Arizona

BURLIE WADE ROGERS,
Charged in Count 1 and Forfeiture Allegation I
Age: 43
Vilonia, Arkansas

SAMUEL BAXTER SANDERS,
Charged in Counts 1, 2, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II
Age: 37
Cabot, Arkansas

WILLIAM STEVE SPANGLER,
Charged in Count 10
Age: 46
Conway, Arkansas

KELLI DEANNE STAFFORD,
Charged in Count 10
Age: 37
Conway, Arkansas

JEFFERSON Van ALLEN,

a/k/a Jeff VanAllen,

a/k/a Tiny

Charged in Counts 1, 9 and Forfeiture Allegations I & II

Age: 56

Little Rock, Arkansas

MACK MONROE WEST

Charged in Counts 1, 14 and Forfeiture Allegation I

Age: 26

Oklahoma

MELISSA M. WOODALL

Charged in Count 10

Age: 34

North Little Rock, Arkansas

PAMELA DENISE YARBOROUGH

Charged in Count 10

Age: 43

Maumelle, Arkansas

SUMMARY OF CHARGES AND MAXIMUM PENALTIES:

COUNT 1 Conspiracy to Distribute more than 500 grams of Methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, punishable by not less than 10 years imprisonment nor more than life imprisonment, and/or a fine of up to \$4MM.

COUNTS 2, 5, 11 Possession with the Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), punishable by not more than 20 years imprisonment, and/or a fine of up to \$1MM

COUNT 3 Possession with the Intent to Distribute more than 500 grams of Methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), punishable by not less than 10 years imprisonment nor more than life imprisonment, and/or a fine of up to \$4MM.

COUNTS 4, 6, 8, 12, 14 Use of Firearms During Drug Trafficking Crimes, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924©, punishable by a mandatory 5 year term of imprisonment consecutive to any other sentence imposed. Second and successive counts are punishable by a mandatory 25 year terms of imprisonment consecutive to any other sentence imposed.

COUNT 7 Possession with the Intent to Distribute more than 50 grams of Methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1), punishable by not less than 5 years nor more than 40 years imprisonment, and/or a fine of up to \$2MM

COUNT 9 Conspiracy to Launder Drug Proceeds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h), punishable by not more than 20 years imprisonment, and/or a fine of up to \$ 500K

COUNT 10 Misprision of a Felony, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 4, punishable by not more than 3 years imprisonment, and/or a fine of up to \$ 250K

COUNT 13 Felon in Possession of a Firearm, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1), punishable by not more than 10 years imprisonment, and/or a fine of up to \$ 250K

COUNT 15 Use of a Communication Facility to Facilitate the distribution of Methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 843(b), punishable by not more than 4 years imprisonment, and/or a fine of up to \$ 250K

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION I ----- Firearms or Ammunition

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION II ----- Property and money (deposits totaling approximately \$ 140,000.00; no known property at this time)

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA)

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, and EXPLOSIVES (ATF)

CAMMACK VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

CONWAY DRUG TASK FORCE

PULASKI COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ARKANSAS STATE POLICE

7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DRUG TASK FORCE

BOOTHEEL DRUG TASK FORCE, CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO

GARLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MILLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MAUMELLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

BRYANT POLICE DEPARTMENT

CABOT POLICE DEPARTMENT

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (FAULKNER and PULASKI COUNTIES)