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## **Williamson Hill Man Convicted of Conspiracy to Manufacture Methamphetamine**

DES MOINES, IA – On February 23, 2011, Michael Byron Abrahamson, age 44, of Williamson, Iowa, was convicted by a jury in the United States District Court in the Southern District of Iowa of the charge of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Following the verdict the Honorable United States Judge Ronald E. Longstaff ordered Abrahamson to be remanded to United States Marshal's custody pending sentencing.

Abrahamson was indicted by the federal grand jury on December 15, 2010. During the execution of a search warrant at defendant's residence on August 8, 2010, officers from the South Central Iowa Drug Task Force seized numerous items related to the manufacture of methamphetamine. The evidence indicated that from April 2009 to August 2010, the defendant manufactured methamphetamine at his residence in Williamson on a weekly bases. Defendant would use the assistance of numerous friends to acquirer the necessary pseudoephedrine tablets from area stores to manufacture more than 50 grams of methamphetamine. Evidence also indicated that Abrahamson distributed the methamphetamine to his friends for their assistance and used the rest for his own personal use.

The defendant testified in his case that he did, in fact, manufacture methamphetamine with his friends, but claimed it was legal for him to manufacture because he was the “ultimate user” of the controlled substance. The jury found him guilty after approximately 30 minutes of deliberations.

This case was prosecuted in the United States Attorney’s office for the Southern District of Iowa, and was investigated by the South Central Iowa Drug Task Force and the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement.

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