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OMAHA WOMAN SENTENCED ON METH MANUFACTURING CHARGES

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA - On November 4, 2011, Jennifer Mae Biggerstaff, age 35, of Omaha, Nebraska, was sentenced to 80 months imprisonment for her participation in a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Senior United States District Court Judge Ronald E. Longstaff also sentenced Ms. Biggerstaff to five (5) years of supervised release following her imprisonment, and imposed a \$100.00 special assessment for the Crime Victim Fund. Judge Longstaff allowed the defendant to remain in her current placement pending designation of the Federal Bureau of Prison facility at which she will serve her sentence.

On April 28, 2011, an indictment was returned by the federal grand jury charging Jennifer Biggerstaff and five other persons with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine and associated charges in what has been referred to as the Fisher Farm Case. On August 4, 2011, the defendant appeared in Federal Court in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and pled guilty to her participation in the conspiracy. The Fisher Farm is an acreage located in rural Mills County, Iowa, at which an estimated 2.5 kilograms (5.5 pounds) of pure methamphetamine was manufactured by several people from at least February of 2003, to May of 2011. Persons involved in the conspiracy were responsible for the theft of substantial quantities of anhydrous ammonia in southwest Iowa and for the purchase of pseudoephedrine from several stores in Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri, all of which was used to manufacture methamphetamine. Ms. Biggerstaff's role in the conspiracy was to purchase pseudoephedrine to be used to manufacture the methamphetamine, for which she received a portion of the resulting methamphetamine.

Previously sentenced in this case were: Kirk Jason Hardman (120 months imprisonment), and Trent James Fisher (90 months imprisonment). Previously sentenced in associated cases regarding the same conspiracy were: Timothy Earl Bendt (48 months imprisonment) and Paul Leon Foster (157 months imprisonment). Pending sentencing in the case are Andru Alan Fisher, Robert Gene Ott, Jr., and Christopher Nicholas Smith.

This case was investigated by the Mills County, Iowa, Sheriff's Department, the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, and the SouthWest Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorneys Office, for the Southern District of Iowa.

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