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WEEK IN REVIEW – FORT WAYNE

Fort Wayne, Indiana- The United States Attorney's Office announced the following activity:

PLEAS:

- Alberto Pita, 28, of Kendallville, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to the felony offense of distribution of Methamphetamine. Sentencing has been set for 3/15/12. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the IMAGE Drug Task Force. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert Trgovich.
- Tristen Root, 26, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to the felony offense of being a felon in possession of a firearm. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Fort Wayne Police Department. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tina Nommay.
- Shawn Karst, 35, of Huntington, Indiana, pled guilty before Magistrate Judge Roger Cosbey to the felony offense of manufacture of marijuana plants. These charges were filed as the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Huntington County Sheriff's Department, and the Allen county Police Department SWAT Team. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tina Nommay.

The specific sentence in each case to be imposed upon conviction will be determined by the judge after a consideration of federal sentencing statutes and the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

DISPOSITIONS:

- John Minniefield, 35, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, was sentenced by Judge Theresa Springmann to 144 months imprisonment and 4 years of supervised release after pleading guilty to the felony offense of possession with the intent to distribute cocaine and crack cocaine. Minniefield was also sentenced to 60 months imprisonment to run consecutively, and 4 years of supervised release to run concurrently, for use of a firearm during a drug trafficking crime. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Safe Streets Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Anthony Geller and Tina Nommay.