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## **St. Paul man sentenced for possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine**

Earlier today in federal court in Minneapolis, a 24-year-old St. Paul man was sentenced for possessing with intent to distribute one pound of methamphetamine. United States District Court Judge Ann D. Montgomery sentenced Jose Cristian Herrera-Chavez to 120 months in federal prison on one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Herrera-Chavez was indicted on October 5, 2010, and pleaded guilty on December 30, 2010.

In his plea agreement, Herrera-Chavez admitted possession with intent to distribute the drug on September 2, 2010. According to a law enforcement affidavit filed in the case, St. Paul police learned about Herrera-Chavez and subsequently arranged for a controlled purchase of one pound of methamphetamine from him. The transaction was to occur at an address near the intersection of Duluth Street and Bush Avenue in St. Paul on September 2, 2010.

While at the transaction location, officers observed Herrera-Chavez, a laundry basket in hand. The police then telephoned him, requesting that the transaction be conducted elsewhere. He agreed, and as he later drove north along Johnson Parkway, he was stopped by St. Paul police for a traffic violation. During a search of the vehicle, the police found the methamphetamine in the laundry basket.

This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the St. Paul Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael A. Dees.

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