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JURY CONVICTS MEMBERS OF PENNSYLVANIA “BREED” MOTORCYCLE GANG

PHILADELPHIA - Today, a federal court jury returned guilty verdicts against John Napoli, William Johnson and Thomas Heilman. Napoli was convicted of five of six counts including conspiracy to distribute crystal methamphetamine, committing violent crimes in aid of racketeering, extortion, possession of firearms and ammunition as a convicted felon and unlawful possession of a machine gun. The jury returned a not guilty verdict on count three charging violent crimes in aid of racketeering against Napoli. Johnson was convicted of all counts including conspiracy to distribute crystal methamphetamine, committing violent crimes in aid of racketeering, possession of firearms and ammunition as a convicted felon, and possession of a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking offense. With respect to Heilman, the jury returned a verdict of guilty of conspiracy to distribute crystal methamphetamine.

“This was an important prosecution because of the violent nature of this motorcycle gang and the size of its drug operation,” said Meehan. “Threats and other intimidation tactics were employed in an effort to keep people from cooperating with law enforcement. These three defendants are now off the street and, because of their prior criminal histories, should stay behind bars for a substantial amount of time.”

Napoli and Johnson each face sentences ranging from 30 years to life imprisonment. Heilman faces a sentence ranging from 21 to 27 years. No sentencing date has been set yet.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Andrea Foulkes and Special Assistant United States Attorney Kishan Nair. The case was investigated by the Narcotics Bureau of the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and detectives with the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office. The investigation also received assistance from: Drug Enforcement Administration, Pennsylvania State police, Falls Twp. police, Philadelphia police, Bristol Twp. police, Bensalem police, Plymouth Twp. police, and the Pennsylvania National Guard Counter Drug Unit.

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