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DRUG TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS

PHILADELPHIA – Michael Cupeto, 48, of Elk Mills, Maryland, was sentenced today to 15 years in prison for conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine, and possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. Cupeto, a/k/a “Monkey,” was the leader of a drug trafficking ring that conspired to obtain multi-kilogram quantities of methamphetamine in Arizona and transport the methamphetamine back to Elkton, Maryland between mid-2007 through October 2009. Cupeto and his conspirators then distributed the methamphetamine in surrounding areas, including in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

The sentence was handed down by U.S. District Court Senior Judge John P. Fullam.

The case was investigated jointly by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Cecil County (Maryland) Drug Task Force, the Cecil County (Maryland) Sheriff's Office, the Maryland State Police, the Elkton, Maryland, Police Department, the Chester County (Pennsylvania) Detectives, and the Chester County District Attorney's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Kyriakakis.

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