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ANDREWS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DISTRIBUTING HYDROPONIC MARIJUANA

United States Attorney Robert Pitman announced that in Midland, 27-year-old Cody Lynn Timmons of Andrews, Texas, was sentenced to 151 months in federal prison followed by eight years supervised release after pleading guilty to federal drug and money laundering charges.

During his sentencing hearing before United States District Judge Robert A. Junell yesterday afternoon, Timmons was also ordered to pay a \$400,000 monetary judgement as well as forfeit a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe and an assortment of firearms used to carry out the defendant's drug distribution scheme.

On March 16, 2012, Timmons pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to distribute more than 100 kilograms of hydroponic marijuana, cocaine and Hydrocodone pills; one count of distribution of hydroponic marijuana within 1,000 feet of a playground, namely, C.J. Kelly Park in Midland; one count of distribution of hydroponic marijuana to a minor; and, one count of money laundering. By pleading guilty, Timmons admitted that from August 2010 until July 2011, he conspired with others, including his wife, Ashley, and his source for hydroponic marijuana, David Pace of Ruidoso, New Mexico, to distribute controlled substances in the Midland area.

To date, a total of 21 individuals have been convicted for their role in this distribution operation. Eight, including Timmons, have received sentences ranging from probation to 151 months incarceration. The remaining 13 defendants, including Ashley Timmons and David Pace, are awaiting sentencing later this summer. During this investigation, authorities seized approximately 60 pounds of marijuana, approximately 25 firearms and more than \$45,000 in cash.

This case was investigated by agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation together with the Texas Department of Public Safety, Andrews (TX) Police Department, Roswell (NM) Police Department and Ruidoso (NM) Police Department. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney John Klassen.

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