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## TWO LINCOLN COUNTY RESIDENTS SENTENCED ON METH CHARGES

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that two individuals were sentenced in U.S. District Court in Madison for their involvement in methamphetamine cooking operations in central Wisconsin in 2009.

Yesterday, U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb sentenced Joshua Graham, 32, Merrill, Wis. to 10 years in prison for conspiring with other persons from December 2008 to July 2009, to possess large amounts of pseudoephedrine that was then used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Daniel Bohman, 32, Irma, Wis., was sentenced by Chief U.S. District Judge William M. Conley today to four years in prison for manufacturing methamphetamine with Jake Barttelt and others on August 18, 2009, at a rural Lincoln County property. Federal sentences are served without the possibility of parole. Graham pleaded guilty on August 23, 2010 and Bohman pleaded guilty on August 13, 2010.

The successful prosecutions of Joshua Graham and Daniel Bohman were the result of an extensive and ongoing investigation conducted by the Merrill Police Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, and Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation. To date, the cooperative state, local and federal investigation has resulted in the conviction of six people involved in four separate methamphetamine cooking operations during 2009. The previous defendants sentenced are set forth below:

| Name           | Crime of Conviction                       | Sentence Imposed |
|----------------|---|------------------|
| Paul Rasmussen | attempted manufacture of methamphetamine  | 5 years          |
| Chuck Groff    | conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine | 12 years         |

| Name          | Crime of Conviction                       | Sentence Imposed |
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| Jake Barttelt | manufacture of methamphetamine            | 5 ½ years        |
| Shawn Ably    | conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine | 6 years          |

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson is handling the prosecution of these cases.

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