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## **ELEVEN FACE FEDERAL INDICTMENT FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING**

SHREVEPORT, La.: Eleven defendants were indicted on drug trafficking charges related to the organized distribution of more than 50 grams of methamphetamine in the Winn Parish and Shreveport, Louisiana areas, United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today. Five of the defendants, including Winn Parish Sheriff Albert Little, will appear today in United States District Court in Shreveport for an initial appearance after being arrested today. Three defendants are already in custody after being arrested on June 23<sup>rd</sup> on related charges. One of the defendants is in custody on unrelated state charges. Two of the defendants are still at large.

The indictment, unsealed today, is the result of an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force which is a joint federal, state and local cooperative approach to combat drug trafficking, and in this case involved the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Louisiana State Police, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, Shreveport Police Department and the Bossier City Police Department .

If convicted, the defendants face a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years, a maximum penalty of life in prison, and a maximum fine of \$10,000,000 on counts involving Conspiracy or actual Possession with Intent to Distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. Counts involving Possession with Intent to Distribute of more than 5 grams of methamphetamine carry a

mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years in prison, a maximum penalty of 40 years and a maximum fine of \$5,000,000. Possession with Intent to Distribution of methamphetamine, without a minimum quantity alleged, carries a maximum sentence of 20 years and a maximum fine of \$2,000,000. The charge of Use of a Communication Facility to facilitate a drug offence carries a maximum penalty of 4 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000.

A criminal indictment is merely an accusation. A defendant is presumed to be innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph G. Jarzabek.

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**FACT SHEET:**

ALBERT LITTLE, Sheriff of Winn Parish, was arrested today. He is charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, one count of possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine and two counts of use of a communication facility to facilitate a drug offense.

LAURALYN N. THOMPSON is currently in custody after being arrested June 23, 2011 on related charges. She is charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, one count of possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, eight counts of possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine and one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

TERRY R. PIMPLETON is currently in custody after being arrested June 23, 2011 on related charges. He is charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, two counts of possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and two counts of possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine.

CASSIE JO JAMES was arrested today. She is charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and one count of possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine.

MICKEY L. BOX is currently in custody on unrelated state charges. He is charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and one count of possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine.

JEREMY COLLINS was arrested today. He is charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and one count of possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine.

S TACEY H. WATSON was arrested today. She is charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

JOHNNY SIMONS was arrested today. He is charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and one count of possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine.

FRANKLIN SMITH was arrested today. He is charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and two counts of possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine.

DWIGHT MOODY, JR. was arrested today. He is charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, one count of possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and one count of possession with intent to distribute 5 grams or more of methamphetamine.

MAYO G. BARNES is currently in custody after being arrested June 23, 2011 on related charges. He is charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of

methamphetamine and one count of possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine.

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