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FORMER SHERIFF OF WINN PARISH FOUND GUILTY

Federal Jury Convicts A. D. "Bodie" Little of Drug Charges Tonight

SHREVEPORT, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced tonight that former Winn Parish Sheriff Albert D. "Bodie" Little was convicted by a federal jury of drug trafficking charges related to the organized distribution of more than 50 grams or more of methamphetamine in the Winn Parish and Shreveport areas. U. S. District Judge Elizabeth E. Foote presided over the trial.

After four days of testimony, the jury returned a guilty verdict on one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, one count of possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of methamphetamine, and two counts of the use of a communication facility to facilitate drug trafficking.

Little was indicted along with ten other defendants in July of 2011 following an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDEF) undercover wiretap investigation, nicknamed "Little Honor," that was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force along with Region II of the Louisiana State Police. The Task Force is a joint federal, state and local cooperative approach to combating 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.

All of Little's co-defendants have previously pled guilty and are awaiting sentencing. Little faces a minimum mandatory sentence of 10 years and a maximum penalty of life in prison, a maximum fine of \$10,000,000 on the conspiracy count, with a term of supervised release to be determined by the court. Possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of methamphetamine carries a minimum mandatory penalty of five years in prison and a maximum of 40 years incarceration. The two counts of use of a communication facility to facilitate a drug offense each carry a maximum penalty of four years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000. **The sentencing date is set for June 15, 2012.**

U.S. Attorney Stephanie Finley stated "This verdict reflects a jury that listened to all of the evidence, followed the law and rendered a verdict that was fair and just. When law enforcement officers disregard the law it hurts all citizens. Former Sheriff Little knowingly chose to break the law and now he is facing possible jail time. We hope that this case sends a message that drug trafficking is a serious offense, and anyone who decides to deal or facilitate the sale of illegal substances will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Litigation Counsel for the Western District of Louisiana, Joseph G. Jarzabek.

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