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SULPHUR RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF OVER 300 MARIJUANA PLANTS AND UNREGISTERED MACHINE GUNS

Lake Charles, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that David Allen Lindeman, 64, of Sulphur, La., was sentenced to five years in prison followed by four years of supervised release for cultivation of marijuana and possession of unregistered firearms. The sentence was handed down yesterday in federal court by U.S. District Judge Patricia Minaldi in Lake Charles.

According to court documents, on the morning of April 22, 2009, agents of the Louisiana State Police West District Narcotics and the Sulphur Police Department executed a state search warrant at the Lindeman residence. In Lindeman's master bedroom, the officers found numerous swords, knives and firearms. Amongst the firearms were two machine guns, a Ruger .22 caliber with built in silencer, and an S/S Inc. Model "Street Sweeper" 12 gauge 12 shot shotgun. Also found, was a gallon size ziplock bag of marijuana and aluminum Band-Aid cans containing U.S. currency, and a large quantity of Hells Angel clothing and patches. Throughout the residence agents seized over 300 marijuana plants growing in pots and \$5,256.00 in currency.

The defendant's son, Frank Henry Lindeman III, admitted to the agents that he sold marijuana for his father and in return was paid by his father for the sales. Frank Lindeman plead guilty on October 14, 2010 and thereafter was sentenced to 60 months in prison.

All firearms, currency, grow lights, Hells Angel paraphernalia, comic books and marijuana growing books that were seized from the Lindeman residence have been judicially forfeited in state court by the Calcasieu Parish District Attorney's office.

The case was adopted for federal prosecution by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Brett L. Grayson.

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