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THREE MEMBERS OF A DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION SENTENCED AND ONE PLEADS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT

Lafayette, La.: United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today, three sentencing and one guilty plea of members involved in a drug trafficking organization based out of Vermilion Parish. The sentences are a result of Tobi Domingue, 35, of Duson, La., and Aaron Landry, 31, of Mariette, Ga., pleading guilty to Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, and Jose Angel Ruiz-Cervantes, 27, a citizen of Mexico, pleading guilty to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine. U.S. Magistrate Judge Patrick J. Hanna accepted the guilty plea of Corey Domingue, 35, of Opelousas, La. Domingue pled guilty to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine and Cocaine and Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime.

U.S. District Judge Elizabeth E. Foote sentenced Tobi Domingue to 87 months in prison and four years supervised release; Aaron Landry received 94 months in prison and four years supervised release and Ruiz-Cervantes received 97 months in prison, followed by five years supervised release.

Corey Domingue, Tobi Domingue, Aaron Landry and Jose Ruiz-Cervantes, along with eight co-defendants, were indicted in June of 2009 on a variety of drug trafficking and firearms charges, along with unlawful use of communication facilities. Evidence revealed that this drug trafficking organization was responsible for the movement and sale of methamphetamine and cocaine from Mexico into the United States, and distribution throughout the Acadiana area. The defendants and their co-conspirators possessed and distributed kilos of methamphetamine and cocaine.

As part of the conspiracy, Tobi Domingue admitted that she sold methamphetamine with her husband, Corey Domingue, and that she participated in the distribution of

approximately three to six kilograms of methamphetamine. Aaron Landry acknowledged that he was responsible for the possession and distribution of approximately four kilograms of methamphetamine, and also acknowledged that he was the owner of numerous firearms. Landry agreed to forfeit interest in the following weapons:

- One (1) Beretta USA Corp., Model PX4 Storm, .40 Caliber, bearing Serial Number PY24021;
- One (1) Remington Arms Company, Inc., Model 870, 12 Gauge, bearing Serial Number D957728M;
- One (1) Russian, Model SKS, 7.62 Caliber, bearing Serial Number HA 5169;
- One (1) RG Industries, Model RG31, .38 Caliber, bearing Serial Number 052278; and
- Assorted Ammunition.

Jose Angel Ruiz-Cervantes admitted that he was a courier for the methamphetamine and cocaine distribution group and that his role in the conspiracy involved approximately five kilograms of methamphetamine.

At Corey Domingue's plea hearing this morning, he acknowledged that he possessed with the intent to distribute approximately four kilograms of methamphetamine and approximately one kilogram of cocaine. He further acknowledged that he possessed and agreed to forfeiture of the following weapons:

- One (1) Ruger, Model P-90, .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol bearing Serial Number 661-84164;
- One (1) Beretta USA Corp., Model PX4 Storm, .40 Caliber, bearing Serial Number PY24021;
- One (1) Remington Arms Company, Inc., Model 870, 12 gauge, bearing serial number D957728M;
- One (1) Russian, Model SKS, .762 caliber, bearing serial number HA 5169;
- One (1) RG Industries, Model RG31, .38 caliber, bearing serial number 052278;
- One (1) Walther Model P-99, .40 Caliber Semi-Automatic Pistol, Serial Number 422147;
- One (1) Bryco Arms .380 caliber pistol, Model 38, bearing serial number 1605648;
- One (1) Colt .38 caliber Revolver, Police Positive, bearing serial number 262430;
- One (1) Harrington and Richardson .35 caliber pistol, bearing serial number 120016;
- One (1) Savage .32 caliber pistol, bearing serial number 25887;
- One (1) Glock GMBH .45 caliber pistol, bearing serial number MRY383;
- One (1) Browning .22 caliber rifle, Model BL22, bearing serial number 0306PR126;
- One (1) Mossberg 12 gauge shotgun, Model 500A, bearing serial number L903135;
- One (1) Remington Arms Company, Inc., 7 millimeter caliber rifle, Model 700, bearing serial number E6216555;
- One (1) Remington 700 Arms Company, Inc. Rifle, bearing serial number E6216555;
- One (1) Winchester 1200 12 gauge Shotgun, bearing serial number L1257209;
- One (1) Koon, Inc., 410 gauge Snake Charmer Shotgun, bearing serial number 31393;
- One (1) Hipoint 9 caliber Rifle, Model 995, bearing serial number B46947;
- One (1) Stoeger 2000 12- gauge shotgun, bearing serial number 25870;

- One (1) Norinco SKS (North China Industries) Rifle, Cal: 7.62, bearing serial number 9108291;
- One (1) Savage Arms Inc. (Cd), Rifle, Model: 93r17, Cal: 17, bearing serial number 0491983;
- One (1) Bushmaster Model XM15-E2S 223 caliber rifle bearing serial number L430593; and,
- One (1) Boitoer Amantino/iga 20-gauge Shotgun, bearing serial number 415243.

United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley stated, "Drug trafficking of any kind is a threat to our communities. The U. S. Attorney's Office, along with the Drug Enforcement Administration and our local and state partners, will continue to vigorously investigate, arrest, indict and seek appropriate sentences for anyone who engages in this trade. We are committed to holding drug dealers, from the couriers to leaders, accountable to keep our communities safe."

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Lafayette, La. Post of Duty, the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office and the Lafayette Metro Narcotics Task Force and was prosecuted by United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley.

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