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## FORMER SHERIFF OF WINN PARISH SENTENCED

### *13+ Years in Prison*

**SHREVEPORT, La.:** United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced that former Winn Parish Sheriff Albert D. "Bodie" Little was sentenced today to 13 years plus 4 months in prison and 3 years supervised release by U. S. District Judge Elizabeth E. Foote. The sentence was handed down as the result of a jury returning guilty verdicts against Little earlier this year 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 (OCDETF) undercover investigation, nicknamed "Little Honor," that was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Agency Task Force along with Region II of the Louisiana State Police. OCDETF 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 have been sentenced.

The Defendants and their sentences are as follows: Lauralyn Thompson sentenced to 7 years incarceration and 5 years supervised release; Terry Pimpleton sentenced to 12 years and 4 months incarceration and 4 years supervised release; Mayo Barnes sentenced to 10 years incarceration and 5 years supervised release; Casie James sentenced to 5 years incarceration and 4 years supervised release; Mickey Box sentenced to 5 years incarceration and 4 years supervised release; Jeremy Collins sentenced to 7 years incarceration and 4 years supervised release; Stacey Watson sentenced to 6 years incarceration and 3 years supervised release; John Simons sentenced to 12 years incarceration and 4 years supervised release; and Dwight Moody sentenced to 7 years incarceration and 5 years supervised release; Franklin Smith sentenced to 10 years and 5 years supervised release.

U.S. Attorney Stephanie Finley stated " When law enforcement officers disregard the law, it hurts all citizens. Former Sheriff Little knowingly chose to break the law and now he is paying the price for his betrayal of the trust the citizens of Winn Parish placed in him. We hope that this case, and the sentences imposed, sends a message that drug trafficking and corruption of those charged with protecting society from such crimes will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

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

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