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NITRO UPDATE
SIX DAVIESS COUNTY RESIDENTS INDICTED
ON FEDERAL METH CHARGES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that six Daviess County residents have been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges related to a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. The indictment, Graves said, is the result of the work of the NITRO task force recently launched in northwest Missouri. NITRO is the Northwest Missouri Team Response Operation, a joint law enforcement effort by the United States Attorney's Office and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the 16-county region.

Lisa R. Carnahan, 39, and **Teresa A. Swigart**, 43, both of Winston, Mo., and **Marvin L. Archer**, 32, **Christie L. Phillips**, 33, **Billie L. Asher**, 31, and **James E. Hershberger**, 25, all of Gallatin, Mo., were charged in a three-count indictment returned under seal by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on January 7, 2003. That indictment was unsealed and made public upon the arrests and court appearance of several co-defendants.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that each of the six co-defendants participated in a conspiracy to manufacture five grams or more of methamphetamine between August 17 and November 2, 2002.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Carnahan**, **Phillips**, and **Hershberger**, aiding and abetting each other, were in possession of pseudoephedrine on November 1, 2002, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that such pseudoephedrine would be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Carnahan**, **Swigert**, and **Archer**, aiding and abetting each other, attempted to steal anhydrous ammonia on November 2, 2002, knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that such anhydrous ammonia would be used to

manufacture methamphetamine.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess Michaelson. The case was investigated by NITRO, the Northwest Missouri Team Response Operation. Also involved were the Daviess County Sheriff's Department and the Gallatin, Mo., Police Department.



This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow