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NITRO UPDATE

TWO MORE DAVIESS COUNTY RESIDENTS SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO MANUFACTURE METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Daviess County, Mo., residents were sentenced in federal court today for conspiring to manufacture methamphetamine. The sentences, Graves said, are the result of work completed by the NITRO task force.

Lisa R. Carnahan, 39, of Winston, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to seven years in federal prison without parole.

On May 23, 2003, **Carnahan** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine between Aug. 17, 2003, and Nov. 2, 2003. By pleading guilty, she admitted that she assisted in the manufacture of approximately 34.4 grams of methamphetamine and that she supplied equipment and precursors for the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Marvin L. Archer, 32, of Gallatin, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to five years in federal prison without parole.

On April 23, 2003, **Archer** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine between Aug. 17, 2002, and Nov. 2, 2002. By pleading guilty, **Archer** admitted that he assisted in the manufacture of approximately 34.4 grams of methamphetamine and supplied precursor materials for the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Four other defendants also have been convicted for their involvement in the conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, including one who already has been sentenced.

Teresa A. Swigert, 44, of Winston, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey on July 29, 2003, to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On May 2, 2003, **Swigert** pleaded guilty to her role in a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine between Aug. 17, 2002, and Nov. 2, 2002.

Christie L. Phillips, 33, **Billie L. Asher**, 31, and **James E. Hershberger**, 25, all of Gallatin, each pleaded guilty to their roles in the conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine between Aug. 17, 2002, and Nov. 2, 2002.

As a result of pleading guilty, each defendant faces up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million. Their sentences will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

All of the defendants were charged in an indictment returned under seal by a federal grand jury on Jan. 7, 2003, in Kansas City. The indictment was later unsealed and made public upon the arrests and appearance of several co-defendants.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess Michaelson. The case was investigated by NITRO, the Northwest Missouri Team Response Operation. NITRO is a joint law enforcement effort by the United States Attorney's Office and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the 16-county northwest Missouri region. Also involved were the Daviess County Sheriff's Department and the Gallatin, Mo., Police Department.



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