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## **WEABLEAU, MO., MAN CONVICTED OF MANUFACTURING METH, ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARMS**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Weableau, Mo., man was convicted by a federal jury today for manufacturing methamphetamine and illegally possessing firearms.

**Carl Robert Carter**, 40, of Weableau, Mo., was found guilty of all six counts of a federal indictment. Graves explained that the federal charges stem from two search warrants executed at **Carter's** residence earlier this year.

**Carter** was arrested on Jan. 20, 2003, when law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at his residence, Graves said, and found firearms and evidence of methamphetamine manufacturing. On June 10, 2003, law enforcement executed another search warrant at **Carter's** residence and discovered a meth lab and another firearm and ammunition in the bedroom.

Following the presentation of evidence in **Carter's** trial, Graves said, the jury in U.S. District Court in Jefferson City deliberated for about an hour before returning the guilty verdict to U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright, ending a trial that began on Dec. 1, 2003.

The federal jury found **Carter** guilty of attempting to manufacture methamphetamine on Jan. 20, 2003, and guilty of manufacturing methamphetamine on June 10, 2003.

The federal jury also found **Carter** guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Law enforcement officers found a loaded Colt .357 magnum in Carter's living room and a Remington .22 caliber rifle and a Norinco SKS rifle in the bedroom closet of **Carter's** residence on Jan. 20, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Carter** has two 1981 criminal felony convictions for stealing and burglary and two 1984 criminal felony convictions for theft.

The federal jury also found **Carter** guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm again when he was in possession of a Lorcin .380 caliber pistol and 46 rounds of Remington .22 caliber ammunition on June 10, 2003.

The federal jury convicted **Carter** of illegally possessing pseudoephedrine, knowing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, on Jan. 20, 2003, and on June 10, 2003, in Hickory County.

As a result of today's conviction, **Carter** could be subject to a sentence of up to 100 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$3 million. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Doug Shull. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Hickory County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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