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NITRO UPDATE

MARYVILLE, BARNARD AND BOLCKOW RESIDENTS INDICTED FOR CONSPIRING TO MAKE METH NEAR A SCHOOL

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that five defendants have been indicted by a federal grand jury for their involvement in a methamphetamine conspiracy. The indictment, Graves said, is the result of work completed by the NITRO Task Force.

Each of the defendants was charged in a sealed indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 18, 2003, in Kansas City. The six-count indictment was unsealed and made public upon the defendants' arrest and first appearance in court today in Kansas City.

Lori A. Clements, 42, and **Terry A. Clements**, 44, both of Barnard, Mo., **Kelly D. Vore**, 33, and **Billie J. Clements**, 22, both of Maryville, Mo., and **Lester L. Lahoda**, 26, of Bolckow, Mo., were each charged in Count One of the federal indictment alleging they conspired to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between Sept. 1, 2001, and Sept. 16, 2003, in Nodaway and Andrew Counties of Missouri.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Lori Clements** and **Terry Clements**, who are married and are the parents of **Billie Clements**, possessed nine firearms during the furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. The indictment alleges that they were in possession of a Marlin 30AS; a Mossberg 20-gauge shotgun; a Marlin 12-gauge shotgun; a Westernfield Arms 410-gauge shotgun; a Remington .22 caliber rifle; a Coast to Coast 12-gauge shotgun; a Westernfield 12-gauge shotgun; a Smith and Wesson 9 mm pistol; and a H&R .22 caliber revolver on May 7, 2003, during the conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Lori Clements** and **Terry Clements** were unlawful users of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that they unlawfully possessed the firearms while being unlawful users of methamphetamine on

on April 10, 2003.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Lori Clements** and **Terry Clements** maintained a place for the purpose of manufacturing, storing, distributing and using methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a public secondary school, between Sept. 1, 2001, and Sept. 16, 2003.

“Today’s indictment alleges that **Lori Clements** and **Terry Clements** made their house, near South Nodaway High School, available to manufacture meth,” Graves said.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Terry Clements** knowingly possessed a firearm with a barrel of less than 18 inches in length and overall length of less than 26 inches on April 10, 2003, not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

Count Six of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Lori Clements** and **Terry Clements** to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of the conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. This would include the residence located at 303 Morehouse in Barnard, a 1999 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, and \$2,540 seized during a state search warrant on April 10, 2003.

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 Bruce Rhoades. It was investigated by the Nodaway County, Mo., Sheriff’s Department, the Andrew County, Mo., Sheriff’s Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the NITRO Task Force. NITRO is the Northwest Missouri Interagency 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.

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

