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SUGAR CREEK MAN 18TH, FINAL CO-DEFENDANT TO PLEAD GUILTY IN METH CASE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Sugar Creek, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to his role in a conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

Brian V. Coen, 27, of Sugar Creek, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to conspiracy to manufacture and distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine. **Coen** is the last of 18 co-conspirators to plead guilty to charges contained in a federal indictment.

By pleading guilty, **Coen** admitted that he was arrested in conjunction with the seizure of an operational methamphetamine laboratory on Aug. 27, 2001. He also admitted that he was present during methamphetamine cooks conducted by co-conspirators.

The other co-defendants, who all are residents of Eastern Jackson County, Mo., also have pleaded guilty to charges in the indictment, which was returned by a federal grand on Feb. 25, 2003, in Kansas City. The co-defendants include: **Douglas W. Williams**, 50, of Independence, Mo.; **Darcy E. Harris**, 38, of Stockton, Mo.; **Tammie L. Avelyn**, 42, of Independence, Mo.; **Sean C. Postpichal**, 27, of Independence, Mo.; **William R. Sands**, 33, of Raytown, Mo.; **Amber G. Watson**, 24, of Independence, Mo.; **Eric C. Koncher**, 37, of Blue Springs, Mo.; **Randall H. Off**, 45, of Oak Grove, Mo.; **Eric C. Hood**, 37, of Independence, Mo.; **Teresa S. Hood**, 41, of Independence, Mo.; **Edward D. Miller, Jr.**, 30, of Independence, Mo.; **Tommy R. Smith**, 28, of Sibley, Mo.; **William L. Pennington**, 43, of Independence, Mo.; **Michael D. Sanders**, 43, of Kansas City, Mo.; **Troy L. Goetz**, 35, of Independence, Mo.; **Robin L. Green**, 36, of Independence, Mo.; and **David J. Hoerl, Jr.**, 39, of Raytown, Mo.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. The case was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force, the Independence, Mo., Police Department,

the Lee's Summit, Mo., Police Department and the Kansas City Metropolitan Drug Task Force.

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