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## **MAN, WOMAN INDICTED IN METH CONSPIRACY**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a man and woman were indicted by a federal grand jury today for participating in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in McDonald County, Mo.

**Donovan Ray Cole**, also known as Dino, 30, and **Cynthea A. Anderson**, 35, were charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Cole** and **Anderson** participated in a conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine in McDonald County from as early as July 1, 2003 to July 15, 2003.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Cole** carried a .38 caliber RG revolver during and in relation to the drug trafficking crime alleged in Count One.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Cole** was a felon in possession of a firearm. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Cole** has a 1996 criminal felony conviction for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in Kansas City, Mo., and two criminal felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance in 2001 and 2002 in Jasper County, Mo.

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 Kimberly R. Weber Dean. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the McDonald County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the

Southwest Missouri Drug Task Force.

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