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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRING TO MANUFACTURE METHAMPHETAMINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a defendant pleaded guilty today to his role in a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

Michael R. Curiale, Jr., also known as “Mechanic Mike,” 35, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to conspiring to manufacture 50 grams or more of meth.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Curiale** admitted that he engaged in the manufacture of meth in the Kansas City area on March 5, 2002. Further, the defendant admits that 97.29 grams of a substance containing methamphetamine was recovered from his Kansas City residence.

On Oct. 1, 2002, **Curiale** and co-defendant **Janie A. Patterson** were both indicted for their roles in the conspiracy.

Patterson was charged with conspiring to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and maintaining a residence that was used for the purpose of manufacturing meth. **Patterson** pleaded guilty on Jan. 9, 2003 to conspiring to manufacture meth.

The co-defendants were charged after law enforcement officials raided a Kansas City-based meth lab they were operating at **Patterson’s** residence in March, 2002.

Sentencing hearings regarding this case have not been scheduled. The co-defendants’ sentences will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was

investigated by the Kansas City Metropolitan Meth Task Force.

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