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THIRD OF EIGHT GUILTY DEFENDANTS SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO MANUFACTURE METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced a Kansas City woman was sentenced in federal court today for her role in a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine in Kansas City, Mo.

Tina Dravenstott, 23, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to five years in federal prison without parole.

On April 15, 2003, **Dravenstott** pleaded guilty to conspiring to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Dravenstott** admitted to conspiring to manufacture methamphetamine between April 10, 2001, and Oct. 7, 2002. She also admitted to being in possession of pseudoephedrine, knowing and intending that it would be used for the manufacture of methamphetamine. **Dravenstott's** residence, Graves said, was used as a place to further the manufacture of methamphetamine. **Dravenstott** admitted that she supplied pseudoephedrine pills and matches, knowing that they would be used by others to manufacture methamphetamine.

Dravenstott is the third guilty co-defendant to be sentenced in this case.

Wanda J. Wing, 31, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced on May 16, 2003, to five years in federal prison without parole.

Robert C. Barnett, 38, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced on May 7, 2003, to nine years in federal prison without parole.

Four other co-defendants also have pleaded guilty to their roles in the conspiracy to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine during the same time period. On April 25, 2003, **Clinton M. Robinson**, 21, **Stephen Shafer**, 30, and **Bryan Barnett**, 34, all of Kansas

City, Mo., pleaded guilty. On April 17, 2003, **Richard A. Stewart**, 45, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty to the same charge.

On April 17, 2003. **William R. Barnett**, 39, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty to manufacturing methamphetamine.

As a result of pleading guilty, the defendants each face a maximum sentence of up to life in federal prison without parole, plus a \$4 million fine. Their sentences will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence report by the U.S. Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City Metro Meth Task Force.

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
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