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## **SECOND DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY IN METH CASE**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a second defendant pleaded guilty in federal court today to aiding and abetting others in possessing methamphetamine precursor chemicals.

**David J. Finney**, 25, of Archie, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to aiding and abetting others in possessing a large amount of ephedrine, knowing the chemical would be used to manufacture methamphetamine. He was charged with possessing the chemical in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 26, 2003, in Kansas City.

**Sara E. Jack**, 21, of Archie, also was charged in the indictment. She pleaded guilty to the same charge on May 8, 2003, admitting that she, too, possessed ephedrine knowing that it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

As a result of pleading guilty, the co-defendants each may face up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. Their sentences will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, City of Belton, Mo., Police Department, Cass County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Cass County Prosecutor's Office.

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