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ST. JOSEPH MAN SENTENCED FOR ALLOWING RESIDENCE TO BE USED TO MANUFACTURE METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a St. Joseph man was sentenced in federal court today for allowing his home to be used as a place to manufacture methamphetamine.

Joseph B. Goin, Jr., 44, of St. Joseph, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey today to nine months in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 9, 2003, **Goin** pleaded guilty to intentionally maintaining a place of residence for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine. By pleading guilty, **Goin** admitted that from Nov. 1, 2001, until Feb. 2, 2002, he housed a methamphetamine lab at his residence, located at 1814 ½ Jones St., in St. Joseph. He was initially charged with the crime in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 2, 2002, in Kansas City.

Goin is the first co-defendant in this case to be sentenced in federal court. **Mark E. Schenecker**, 42, also of St. Joseph, has pleaded guilty to his role in the methamphetamine conspiracy and currently awaits sentencing.

On April 24, 2003, **Schenecker** pleaded guilty to possession of anhydrous ammonia knowing that it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine. By pleading guilty, **Schenecker** admitted that he possessed the illegal chemical on Feb. 1, 2002.

As a result of his guilty plea, **Schenecker** faces a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine of up to \$250,000. **Schenecker's** sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was

investigated by the Buchanan County, Mo., Drug Strike Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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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