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## **THREE BLUE SPRINGS RESIDENTS CHARGED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN 4-YEAR METH CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three Blue Springs, Mo., defendants were charged with conspiring to manufacture methamphetamine in a seven-count indictment, which was unsealed today after being returned by federal grand jury on June 17, 2003.

**Jill S. Hanlin**, 32, **Douglas S. Hoffman**, 31, and **Michael D. Clemmons**, 30, all of Blue Springs, Mo., were charged in Count One of the federal indictment with conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine between Dec. 3, 1998, and Dec. 15, 2002, in both Jackson County, Mo., and Cass County, Mo.

All three defendants also were charged in Count Two of the federal indictment, which alleges that they conspired to possess ephedrine between Dec. 3, 1998, and Dec. 15, 2002, knowing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Hanlin** and **Hoffman** also possessed ephedrine on Dec. 9, 1998, knowing that it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Hanlin**, **Hoffman** and **Clemmons** all possessed ephedrine again on Feb. 3, 1999.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Hanlin** possessed ephedrine on Jan. 7, 2001.

County Six of the federal indictment alleges that **Clemmons** manufactured methamphetamine on Dec. 15, 2002.

Count Seven of the federal indictment charges **Clemmons** with being a felon in

possession of a Bryco Arms .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun on Dec. 15, 2002. Under federal law, Graves said, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. Clemmons has a 1998 criminal conviction for stealing in Hickory County, Mo.

The indictment, which was returned under seal, was made public upon the arrest and initial court appearance of **Hanlin** and **Hoffman**.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force, the Blue Springs, Mo., Police Department, the Lee's Summit, Mo., Police Department and the Independence, Mo., Police Department.

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