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BROWNING MAN SENTENCED ON METH, FIREARMS CHARGES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Browning, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today on methamphetamine and firearms charges.

Wendell Dean Havens, 42, of Browning, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to two years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On Aug. 12, 2003, **Havens** pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, possessing methamphetamine with intent to distribute, distributing methamphetamine and use of a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking offense.

On Dec. 2, 2003, co-defendant **Donald Wayne Hughes**, 32, of Browning, was sentenced to two years and six months in federal prison without parole. Hughes pleaded guilty to the same charges on June 18, 2003.

Both defendants admitted that they committed those offenses between Sept. 28, 2002, and Oct. 30, 2002, in Sullivan County, Mo. Acting together, Graves said, **Havens** and **Hughes** distributed methamphetamine to an undercover law enforcement office on Oct. 30, 2002. At that time, **Havens** was armed with a .22 caliber pistol. Previously, **Hughes** was armed with a Ruger revolver when making the arrangements with the undercover officer to deliver the methamphetamine.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William L. Meiners. It was investigated jointly by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the North Missouri Drug Task Force and the Sullivan County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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