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## **FOUR DEFENDANTS INDICTED FOR CONSPIRING TO MANUFACTURE METH**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that four co-defendants were indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

**Raymond “Cory” Herndon**, 32, of Wea, Kan., **Cortney A. Longie**, 22, of Cleveland, Mo., **John W. Dickinson**, 41, of Cleveland, Mo., and **James A. Irvin**, 43, of Westline, Mo., were all charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury today in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that all of the co-defendants conspired to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between Aug. 1, 2001, and Aug. 30, 2002.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Herndon** and **Longie** possessed pseudoephedrine on May 2, 2002, knowing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Herndon**, **Dickinson** and **Irvin** possessed pseudoephedrine on June 29, 2002, knowing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Herndon** possessed pseudoephedrine on Aug. 30, 2002, knowing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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