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POPLAR BLUFF MAN SENTENCED FOR MANUFACTURING METH AT BROTHER'S INDEPENDENCE HOME

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Poplar Bluff, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine at his brother's Independence, Mo., home, by using a tank of anhydrous ammonia hidden at a local park.

Randy S. Hines, 45, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On Oct. 22, 2002, **Randy Hines** pleaded guilty to the indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on Jan. 17, 2002, charging him with conspiracy to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between May 9, 2001 and August 6, 2001.

To manufacture methamphetamine, Graves explained, the conspiracy utilized an anhydrous ammonia tank stored at Landau Park. **Randy Hines** admitted that he manufactured the methamphetamine at the home of his brother, **Timothy Hines**, who is a co-defendant.

Timothy W. Hines, also known as Peg Leg, 42, of Independence, Mo., pleaded guilty on Dec. 16, 2002 to his role in the conspiracy to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and awaits sentencing.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine Connelly. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force, the Independence, Mo., Police Department, and the Metro Methamphetamine Task Force.

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 www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow