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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.

Donald Wayne Hughes, 32, of Browning, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to two years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On June 18, 2003, **Hughes** 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.

Co-defendant **Wendell Dean Havens**, 42, of Browning, pleaded guilty to the same charges on Aug. 12, 2003. A sentencing hearing for **Havens** has been scheduled for Dec. 12, 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.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William L. Meiners. It was investigated jointly by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Northeast Missouri Drug Task Force in conjunction with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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