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MAN AND WOMAN CHARGED AFTER KC AREA'S LARGEST SEIZURE OF METH INGREDIENT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a man and woman were charged in federal court with possessing nearly 28 pounds of ephedrine, an ingredient used to manufacture methamphetamine.

David J. Finney, 25, and **Sara E. Jack**, 21, of Archie, Mo., are charged in a criminal complaint filed on Jan. 29, 2003 in U.S. District Court in Kansas City with possessing the illegal ingredient ephedrine in a motel room in Belton, Mo.

According to the affidavit in support of the complaint, **Finney** and **Jack** allegedly were found in possession of the ingredient after officers of the Belton Police Department were called to a disturbance at a room at the Belton Holiday Inn Express Motel.

Finney and **Jack** were arrested after computer checks revealed they both had outstanding warrants. While inside the room, officers noticed a white substance in the sink. A white five-gallon bucket also was sitting next to the door of the room and contained 19 bags each containing a white powder determined to be ephedrine. A powder residue also was found in **Jack's** purse, which later was determined to have a presence of methamphetamine.

While in the room for cleaning, motel employees later found additional paraphernalia still in the room and notified the police. After obtaining a search warrant, officers seized a box of plastic bags and a backpack containing more ephedrine.

Further searches of **Finney's** and **Jack's** vehicle and residence revealed a plastic tub marked "Albertson's Simply Clean laundry detergent" containing ephedrine, a set of triple-beam scales, glass pipes used to smoke methamphetamine and a recipe for the ephedrine reduction method of manufacturing methamphetamine.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and is not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Belton Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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

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