

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## FEDERAL INMATE INDICTED FOR ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a woman at a federal corrections facility in Springfield was indicted by a federal grand jury today for escaping from the facility.

**Amy M. Jones**, 34, an inmate at Alpha House Community Corrections Center in Springfield, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury for escaping from the center on Sept. 21, 2003. According to the indictment, **Jones** was incarcerated after being convicted of conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

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

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly R. Weber Dean. It was investigated by the U.S. Marshal Service.

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