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THREE MEN SENTENCED IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three men were sentenced in federal court today for a conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine.

Jason S. Loney, 22, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

Geoffrey A. Barker, 27, of Independence, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to nine years in federal prison without parole.

Gary L. Loveall, 26, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to seven years and three months in federal prison without parole.

All three co-defendants have pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 6, 2002.

On Feb. 12, 2003, **Loney** pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute 500 grams or more of meth. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Loney** admitted that he engaged in the distribution of meth in the Kansas City area from July 2002 until his arrest on Oct. 9, 2002. **Loney's** initial arrest followed a transaction in which he supplied a detective with seven grams of methamphetamine. **Loney** also admitted to distributing methamphetamine on six other occasions.

On March 6, 2003, **Loveall** and **Barker** pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute 500 grams or more of meth in the Kansas City area. By pleading guilty, Graves said, both co-defendants admitted that **Loveall** obtained methamphetamine from **Loney** and **Barker** and sold it to either an undercover detective or a confidential informant on several occasions.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Valenti. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Jackson County Drug 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

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