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THIRD CONSPIRATOR SENTENCED FOR MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTING MORE THAN 500 GRAMS OF METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Adrian, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for conspiring to manufacture and distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine.

Thomas L. Rabourn, 42, of Adrian, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to six years and eight months in federal prison without parole.

On Oct. 24, 2003, **Rabourn** pleaded guilty to an indictment filed on March 15, 2001. By pleading guilty, **Rabourn** admitted that between Nov. 1, 1997 and Nov. 16, 2000, he conspired with others to manufacture and distribute more than 500 grams of methamphetamine.

Rabourn is the third co-defendant sentenced in this criminal conspiracy. Co-defendants **Fletcher W. Guinn**, 59, and **Roseann Collins**, 60, both of Adrian, were sentenced on Aug. 22, 2001. **Guinn** was sentenced to eight years and nine months in federal prison without parole and **Collins** was sentenced to two years of federal probation. Both defendants pleaded guilty to conspiring to manufacture and distribute more than 500 grams of methamphetamine between Nov. 1, 1997 and Nov. 16, 2000.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attomey Catherine A. Connelly. The case was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bates County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, and the West Central Drug Task Force.

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