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## **CROCKER, MO., RESIDENTS SENTENCED FOR METH DISTRIBUTION IN PULASKI COUNTY**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Crocker, Mo., residents were sentenced in federal court today for distributing methamphetamine in Pulaski County.

**Matthew D. Romine**, 29, of Crocker, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon to three years and one month in federal prison without parole. **Cynthia E. Brownlee**, 41, of Crocker, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon to five years of probation.

Both **Romine** and **Brownlee** pleaded guilty on Aug. 28, 2002, to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. Both defendants admitted to distributing methamphetamine in Pulaski County from Aug. 29, 2001 to Dec. 4, 2001. Graves said the defendants admitted conducting five separate methamphetamine transactions, including one sale that involved 107.7 grams of methamphetamine.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Randall D. Eggert. It was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Miller County Sheriff's Department, the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department, and the Springfield Police Department.

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