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ST. JOSEPH MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL METH CHARGES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a St. Joseph man was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

Mark E. Schenecker, 42, of St. Joseph, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to seven years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 15, 2003, **Schenecker** pleaded guilty to possession of anhydrous ammonia, knowing that it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Schenecker is the second defendant to be sentenced on an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 2, 2002.

Joseph B. Goin, Jr., 44, of St. Joseph, Mo., was sentenced on May 1, 2003, to nine months in federal prison without parole. On Jan. 9, 2003, **Goin** pleaded guilty to intentionally maintaining a place of residence for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine. By pleading guilty, **Goin** admitted that from Nov. 1, 2001, until Feb. 2, 2002, he housed a methamphetamine lab at his residence St. Joseph.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. The case was investigated by the Buchanan County Drug Strike Force with the assistance of 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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