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WILLOW SPRINGS, MO., MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF METH, FIREARM

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Willow Springs, Mo., man pleaded guilty today to being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in illegal possession of a firearm.

Steven R. Shriver, 32, of Willow Springs, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge James C. England this afternoon to two counts of an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on May 7, 2003, in Springfield.

By pleading guilty, **Shriver** admitted that he was an unlawful user of methamphetamine in illegal possession of a Bryco arms 9 mm pistol on Oct. 13, 2002, in Texas County, Mo. **Shriver** also admitted that he was in possession of methamphetamine on Jan. 1, 2003, in Texas County.

Shriver was arrested twice following two traffic stops, which led to his being indicted by a federal grand jury.

On Oct. 13, 2002, **Shriver** was stopped for driving a vehicle with expired license plates. A consent of search of **Shriver's** person and vehicle revealed 9 mm bullets in his front pants pocket and a 9 mm pistol in the vehicle. A spoon also was found on the floorboard of the vehicle with residue which tested positive for methamphetamine.

Shriver was arrested again for outstanding arrest warrants on Jan. 1, 2003. At that time, he was a passenger of a vehicle stopped by law enforcement officers. Upon conducting a search of the defendant, law enforcement officers found methamphetamine in **Shriver's** possession.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Shriver** may be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. The sentence will be determined

according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Texas County Sheriff's Office, the Bates County, Mo., Sheriff's Office and the Cabool, Mo., Police Department.

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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