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## **FIRST OF THREE CO-DEFENDANTS RECEIVES SENTENCE FOR DISTRIBUTING AT LEAST 500 GRAMS OF METH**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Kan., man was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a conspiracy to distribute at least 500 grams of methamphetamine.

**George J. Singleterry**, 23, of Kansas City, Kan., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to 12 years in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 12, 2002, **Singleterry** pleaded guilty to distributing at least 500 grams of methamphetamine between Sept. 13, 2001, and March 6, 2002. By pleading guilty, **Singleterry** admitted that he conspired with others to commit the offense.

Two co-conspirators have also pleaded guilty in this case. **Natalie Dedrick**, 20, also of Kansas City, Kan., pleaded guilty on Sept. 23, 2002, to her involvement in the conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. **Kimberly S. Keith**, 39, of Lee's Summit, Mo., pleaded guilty on Sept. 13, 2002, to her involvement in the conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. All three defendants were charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 3, 2002, in Kansas City.

As a result of their guilty pleas, **Dedrick** and **Keith** both face a maximum sentence of up to life in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million. **Dedrick's** and **Keith's** sentences will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City Metro Methamphetamine Task Force and the Kansas City, Kan., Police Department.

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