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ST. JOSEPH MAN SENTENCED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a co-defendant in a Northwest Missouri methamphetamine conspiracy was sentenced in federal court today for contributing ingredients to the manufacture of the illegal narcotic.

Harvey E. Smith, Jr., 26, of St. Joseph, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to seven years in federal prison without parole.

On July 30, 2003, **Smith** pleaded guilty to possessing anhydrous ammonia on Feb. 1, 2002, knowing it would be used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Several other defendants also have been convicted for their involvement in this methamphetamine conspiracy, one of which has been sentenced.

Joseph B. Goin, Jr., 44, of St. Joseph, was sentenced 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, located at 1814 ½ Jones St., in St. Joseph.

On July 29, 2003, **Mark E. Schenecker**, 42, of St. Joseph, was sentenced to seven years and three months in federal prison without parole. On April 24, 2003, he pleaded guilty to possession of anhydrous ammonia knowing that it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine. By pleading guilty, **Schenecker** admitted that he possessed the illegal chemical on Feb. 1, 2002.

Larry A. Pierce, 48, of Mound City, Mo., pleaded guilty to possessing anhydrous

ammunition on Feb. 1, 2002, knowing it would be used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. He also admitted to being a felon in possession of a firearm. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Pierce** admitted that he was in possession of a Full Metal Jacket .22/.45 caliber Derringer over-under double barrel shotgun on Nov. 29, 2001. He has a 1975 criminal felony conviction for burglary, a 1980 criminal felony conviction for bank robbery and a 1997 criminal felony conviction for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On Sept. 26, 2003, **Scott Adkins**, 37, of St. Joseph, pleaded guilty to possessing glassware knowing that it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he possessed the glassware between Nov. 1, 2001, and Feb. 1, 2002. **Adkins** admitted that he utilized the Pyrex dishes in order to assist in the manufacture of methamphetamine at 1814 ½ Jones St., in St. Joseph.

On June 5, 2003, **David E. Skouby**, 39, of St. Joseph, also pleaded guilty to his role in the methamphetamine conspiracy. He admitted that he aided and abetted others in the manufacture of methamphetamine between Jan. 26, 2002, and Feb. 2, 2002.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Buchanan County, Mo., Drug Strike Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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