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UPDATE: OPERATION X-POSED
THREE SENTENCED FOR ECSTASY CONSPIRACY

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three men were sentenced in federal court today in separate but related cases that resulted from Operation X-Posed, an investigation into ecstasy, cocaine and methamphetamine trafficking in Greene County.

Operation X-Posed was a long-term, multi-agency investigation into the distribution of tens of thousands of ecstasy tablets throughout southwest Missouri, as well as the Kansas City and St. Louis areas. According to Graves, this was the largest ecstasy ring ever prosecuted in southwest Missouri.

A series of five indictments returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Springfield on April 3, 2003, also charge some defendants with distributing cocaine and methamphetamine, as well as money laundering and firearms violations. The indictments seek the forfeiture of several vehicles and nearly \$400,000 in cash, all of which was allegedly derived from illegal drug sales or used in the conspiracy to distribute illegal drugs.

* **Adam R. Vuori**, also known as Tank Dog, 29, of Springfield, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this afternoon to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On Aug. 22, 2003, **Vuori** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute ecstasy and methamphetamine. **Vuori** admitted that he distributed at least 50 grams, but less than 200 grams, of methamphetamine to others, who redistributed it to others in the Springfield area. **Vuori** also received supplies of ecstasy from a supplier, which he redistributed to others in the Springfield area, and admitted that at least 310 ecstasy tablets were distributed in the course of the conspiracy.

* **Jonathan C. Davis**, 23, of Springfield, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this afternoon to four years and nine months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered Davis to forfeit to the government \$1,318 that was seized by law enforcement officers at the time of his arrest.

On June 17, 2003, **Davis** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute ecstasy. **Davis** admitted that he was involved in a conspiracy to distribute ecstasy from at least as early as April 2001 until Sept. 11, 2001, in Greene County, Mo. During the course of the conspiracy, Graves said, **Davis** distributed approximately 5,900 ecstasy tablets from one source to co-conspirators, who re-distributed the tablets in the Springfield area. **Davis** also distributed between 1,500 and 2,000 ecstasy tablets from a second source.

* **Damon Z. Robirts**, 24, of Springfield, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this afternoon to three years and one month in federal prison without parole. **Robirts** and **Davis** are co-defendants in the federal indictment.

On June 10, 2003, **Robirts** pleaded guilty to participating in a conspiracy to distribute ecstasy in Greene County between April 2001 and Sept. 11, 2001. **Robirts** admitted that he received supplies of ecstasy from another person, which he redistributed to others in the Springfield area. During the course of the conspiracy, Graves said, at least 3,000 ecstasy tablets were distributed.

These cases are being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robyn L. McKee. They were investigated by the Springfield, Mo., Police Department, COMET (the Combined Ozarks Multi-jurisdictional Enforcement Team), the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Internal Revenue Service, and the United States Postal Inspection Service.

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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