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BELTON MAN SENTENCED TO 27 YEARS IN PRISON FOR METH CONSPIRACY

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

Christopher L. Warren, 25, of Belton, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey on April 24, 2003, to 27 years in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 6, 2002, **Warren** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture and distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between March 25, 2001, and Jan. 15, 2002.

Warren is the last of five co-defendants in the Jan. 15, 2002, federal indictment to be sentenced.

Charles Morrison, 33, of Blue Springs, Mo., was sentenced on Feb. 19, 2003, to 19 years and 7 months in federal prison without parole. In determining **Morrison's** sentence, Graves explained, the court considered the fact that he had led Cass County Sheriff's deputies on a high-speed chase to avoid being arrested. On Dec. 12, 2001, sheriff's deputies stopped **Morrison** after he purchased iodine crystals – an ingredient for manufacturing methamphetamine – at the Ramsey Feed Store in Harrisonville, Mo. **Morrison**, who was driving an IROC Chevy Camaro, accelerated from the traffic stop and fled from deputies in a high-speed chase that exceeded speeds of 100 miles per hour on 7 Highway. He was arrested by officers of the Blue Springs, Mo., Police Department on Dec. 20, 2001.

Brad E. Aliff, 33, of Blue Springs, Mo., was sentenced on Feb. 19, 2003, to 12 years in federal prison without parole.

Both **Morrison** and **Aliff** earlier pleaded guilty to a conspiracy to manufacture 50 grams

or more of methamphetamine between March 25, 2001 and Jan. 15, 2002. Morrison entered a guilty plea on April 17, 2002; Aliff entered a guilty plea on Oct. 24, 2002.

Daniel W. Marx, 32, of Lee's Summit, was sentenced on Nov. 25, 2002, to 19 years and seven months in federal prison without parole. On April 11, 2002, **Marx** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture and distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between March 25, 2001 and January 15, 2002. **Marx** had stolen Actifed and other cold remedy products containing pseudoephedrine and gave them to methamphetamine cooks, Graves said. Those cooks, in turn, manufactured significant amounts of methamphetamine. **Marx** manufactured methamphetamine in Eastern Jackson County on numerous occasions during 2001.

Michael W. Case, 32, of Blue Springs, was sentenced on March 6, 2003, to six years in federal prison without parole. **Case** pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy on Oct. 31, 2002.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark A. Miller. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force and the Blue Springs 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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