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KC WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman pleaded guilty today to conspiring to manufacture more than 50 grams of methamphetamine.

Wanda J. Wing, 31, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to manufacturing the drug in Kansas City.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Wing** admitted that between April 10, 2001, and Oct. 7, 2002, she participated in a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. She further admitted to purchasing Sudafed pills and supplying pseudoephedrine for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine during the conspiracy.

As a result of **Wing's** plea agreement, she could be subject to a sentence ranging from 10 years in federal prison without parole to life imprisonment, plus a fine up to \$4 million. 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.

On Dec. 19, 2002, co-defendant **Robert C. Barnett**, 37, of Kansas City, also pleaded guilty to conspiring to manufacture more than 50 grams of methamphetamine.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City Metro Meth Task Force.

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