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NITRO UPDATE
**TRENTON, WARRENSBURG RESIDENTS INDICTED
FOR INVOLVEMENT IN METH CONSPIRACY**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that four defendants have been indicted by a federal grand jury for their involvement in a methamphetamine conspiracy. The indictment, Graves said, is the result of work completed by the NITRO Task Force.

Each of the defendants was charged in a sealed indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 17, 2003, in Kansas City. The three-count indictment was unsealed and made public upon the defendants' arrest and first appearance in court on Sept. 24, 2003, in Kansas City.

Olin Dean Youngs, 37, and **Mary Lynn Thomas**, 36, both of Trenton of Trenton, Mo., and **Geary Peter Bordelon**, 47, and **Joyce D. Swigart**, 52, both of Warrensburg, Mo., were each charged in Count One of the federal indictment alleging they conspired to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between April 1, 2003, and June 19, 2003.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Youngs** and **Thomas** attempted to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between June 3, 2003, and June 4, 2003.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Bordelon** and **Swigart** possessed with intent to distribute methamphetamine on June 19, 2003.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kate Mahoney. It was investigated by the Grundy County, Mo., Sheriff's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

Firearms and Explosives, the Trenton, Mo., Police Department and the NITRO Task Force. NITRO is the Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation, a joint law enforcement effort by the United States Attorney's Office and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the 16-county region.

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 www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow

