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**JURY CONVICTS CASTANA, IOWA, MAN ON
METHAMPHETAMINE AND GUN CHARGES**

United States Attorney Matt M. Dummermuth announced today a Castana, Iowa, man was convicted by a federal jury on April 4, 2007, after a two-day trial and about two hours of jury deliberations.

THOMAS HUNTLEY, 34, from Castana, was convicted in Sioux City, Iowa, of distributing methamphetamine and using a firearm, during and in relation to that drug distribution crime. The evidence at trial showed **HUNTLEY** gave methamphetamine to others and even traded methamphetamine for a stolen .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

HUNTLEY, prior to his trial, entered guilty pleas to two additional counts charging him with possession firearms after he had been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence in Monona County, Iowa.

Sentencing before United States District Court Judge Mark W. Bennett will be set after a presentence report is prepared. On the drug-distribution charge, **HUNTLEY** faces up to 20 years' imprisonment without the possibility of parole, a \$1,000,000 fine, a special assessment of \$100.00, and a term of supervised release of between three years and life following any imprisonment. On the firearm charge, **HUNTLEY** faces between five years' and life imprisonment without the possibility of parole to be served consecutively to any sentence imposed on the drug charge. He also faces a fine of up to \$250,000, a special assessment of a \$100.00, and a term of supervised release of up to three years.

HUNTLEY also faces up to 10 years' imprisonment without the possibility of parole, a fine of up to \$250,000, a \$100.00 special assessment, and up to three years of supervised release for each of the two firearm-possession charges to which he previously pled guilty before trial.

HUNTLEY remains in the custody of the United States Marshal.

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This case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a cooperative local, state, and federal program aimed at the enhanced prosecution of gun crimes. The case was investigated by special agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), officers of the Monona County Sheriff's Office, officers of the Onawa Iowa Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Forde Fairchild.