



Department of Justice

United States Attorney David L. Huber
Western District of Kentucky

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2007
WWW.USDOJ.GOV/USAO/KYW

CONTACT: SANDY FOCKEN
PHONE: (502) 582-5911
FAX: (502) 582-5097

OWENSBORO METHAMPHETAMINE MANUFACTURER PLEADS GUILTY

OWENSBORO, KY - David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today that James Wayne Robertson, Sr., age 48, of 2703 Sunrise Drive, Owensboro, Kentucky pled guilty to conspiring to manufacture and distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and possessing methamphetamine with the intent to distribute.

Robertson pled guilty to charges that on or about and between January 1, 2000, and February 2, 2006, he conspired with others to manufacture 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine and to possessing with the intent to distribute and distributing 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. He also admitted that he possessed methamphetamine on April 13, 2005, April 22, 2005, and May 7, 2005, with the intent to distribute it. The street value of the drugs involved in this case is greater than \$5000.00.

This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire is a cooperative effort by state and local police departments, here the Daviess County Sheriff's Department, and the United States Attorney's Office, to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

The maximum potential penalties are 100 years imprisonment, a \$5,000,000 fine, and

supervised release for a period of not less than 4 years. There is a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James H. Barr and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky.

Robertson is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on July 20, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in Owensboro, Kentucky.

###