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HENDERSON MAN INDICTED ON DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGES

OWENSBORO, KY - A federal grand jury in Bowling Green, returned a superseding indictment against **Blain J. Craig**, age 23, of Henderson, Kentucky, for drug trafficking, 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.

The Superseding Indictment charges that from in and about March 2006, Craig conspired with a co-defendant, Bradley H. Gish, and others, to possess with the intent to distribute and did distribute methamphetamine. The drugs had a street value of \$2,900.

On April 13, 2006, Craig contacted a Henderson County confidential informant to arrange to sell the informant approximately one ounce of crystal methamphetamine for \$1600.00 and agreed to meet the confidential informant at a location on Elm Street in Henderson. At approximately 9:45 that evening, Task Force officers observed as a red 1994 Oldsmobile Bravada with two male suspects, identified as Craig and Gish, pulled into the driveway at 2022 North Elm Street. The confidential informant left the residence and walked to and got into the rear passenger side of the Bravada. After getting in, he received approximately 29 grams of crystal methamphetamine from Craig. Both suspects, Craig and Gish, were arrested. Officers

found approximately 17 grams of marijuana in Gish's right front pant pocket and approximately 3.7 grams of crystal methamphetamine in the left front pant pocket of Craig.

Gish has already pled guilty and was sentenced on June 27, 2007, to four years in prison to be followed by six years of supervised release.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are not more than 40 years imprisonment, a \$2,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 6 years; and the minimum potential penalties are not less than 5 years imprisonment, a \$2,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years. Craig is scheduled for trial before a Jury in Owensboro, Kentucky on September 25, 2007.

The case was is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Audubon Area Task Force as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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