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Nine Indicted For Trafficking Methamphetamine In Southeast Tennessee

An 18-month investigation involving the Bradley County Sheriff's Office; the 10th Judicial District Drug Task Force; the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; and the Cleveland Police Department; has led to the indictment of nine individuals involved in trafficking methamphetamine in southeast Tennessee.

As a result of the investigation, a conspiracy that was responsible for approximately 85 to 90 percent of the methamphetamine distributed in Bradley and Polk Counties over the last two years has been broken.

Through interviews with the defendants conducted over the course of the investigation it was learned they were all part of the sale and distribution of meth.

Search warrants executed at various locations led to the recovery of drugs and stolen property, including firearms, which had been used as payment for meth.

Five of the nine defendants have completed the federal court process and have been given prison sentences.

- Dennis Arp - 18.5 years for narcotics possession and conspiracy;
- Brandon Freeman - 11 years for narcotics possession and conspiracy;
- Chris Pack - 8.5 years for narcotics possession, conspiracy, and a felon in possession of a firearm;
- Shay Westfall - 10.5 years for narcotics possession and conspiracy;
- Billy Zumstein - 13.5 years for narcotics possession, conspiracy, and a felon in possession of a firearm.

Currently awaiting sentencing are:

- Chris Maldonado – narcotics possession, conspiracy, and a felon in possession of a firearm;
- Crystal Gray – narcotics possession, conspiracy;
- Patricia Laney – narcotics possession, conspiracy.

The ninth defendant, Eduardo Vasquez-Martinez is currently awaiting trial.

During the investigation burglaries and thefts were cleared through proffers with these defendants. Billy Zumstein provided information to investigators about 40 burglaries that he took part in that were in Bradley, McMinn, Polk, and Meigs Counties. Additionally, the Bradley County Sheriff's Department's Criminal Investigation Division placed burglary and theft charges against Zumstein's wife, Dorothy Zumstein.

The investigation's success is being credited to the involved agencies coming together with the evidence each had collected on its own.

