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HENDERSON, KENTUCKY DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS FOR METH TRAFFICKING

OWENSBORO, KY - Sara M. Meuth, age 42, of Henderson, Kentucky, was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment in United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky, for drug trafficking and attempting to manufacture methamphetamine, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of 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.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Meuth to 5 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

On October 17, 2007, Meuth pled guilty to the charges against her and admitted that on December 1, 2006, she possessed with the intent to distribute methamphetamine. She further admitted that on April 3, 2007, she 1) possessed methamphetamine, 2) attempted to manufacture methamphetamine, 3) possessed pseudoephedrine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine and 4) possessed equipment, chemicals, and materials in order to manufacture methamphetamine.

On December 1, 2005, a Kentucky State Police ("KSP") informant purchased approximately one gram of methamphetamine from Meuth at her former residence located at 992 Village Brook Drive in Henderson, Kentucky. On April 3, 2006, KSP detectives conducted

a “trash pull” in front of 992 Village Brook Drive, and discovered methamphetamine “burn boats” and small plastic “baggies” with white residue that tested positive for methamphetamine. Later that afternoon, as law enforcement executed a state search warrant at Meuth’s residence, they were overcome by a heavy chemical smell. A KSP detective noticed two large containers with greenish blue liquid and some white material floating on the top of that liquid with more material on the bottom of each jar. Meuth made a voluntary statement that these containers in her bathroom contained a combination of Coleman fuel, pseudoephedrine and anhydrous ammonia, chemicals used to make meth. Officers evacuated the premises.

On further search of Meuth’s residence, agents found numerous items of drug paraphernalia along with glass methamphetamine pipes and a quantity of suspected methamphetamine, digital scales and surveillance equipment along with a letter addressed to Meuth including a detailed recipe of how to manufacture methamphetamine.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives conducted the investigation in partnership with the Kentucky State Police as part of ATF’s mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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