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HENDERSON, KENTUCKY METH DEALER SENTENCED TO 4 YEARS AND 3 MONTHS FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING

OWENSBORO, KY - Blain J. Craig, age 23, of Henderson, Kentucky, was sentenced to 5 years and 3 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Owensboro, 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.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Craig to 3 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

Craig, who pled guilty on October 17, 2007, admitted that from in and about March, 2006, he 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.

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

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 (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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