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MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA - Sheldon J. Sperling, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, announced today that BOBBY JUNIOR BURGE, age 63 and ALICE MARIE BURGE, age 61, both of Muldrow, Oklahoma, were arraigned on charges of Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(A)(viii) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 2 and Possession of Firearms in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 924(c) and 2. Additionally, BOBBY BURGE was charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).

“Charges arose from an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. BOBBY BURGE and ALICE BURGE are co-defendants in a sealed indictment returned by the Grand Jury on January 18, 2008,” stated U.S. Attorney Sperling.

“On March 2, 2007, the defendants allegedly possessed more than 500 grams of methamphetamine with the intent to distribute, in addition, during and in relation to the drug trafficking crime of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to distribute, they possessed numerous firearms. BOBBY BURGE had been previously convicted of the felony of money laundering in 1997. The firearms he possessed constitute a separate felony offense,” stated U.S. Attorney Sperling.

“The Honorable Kimberly E. West, Magistrate Judge in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, in Muskogee, accepted the defendant’s pleas of not guilty. The defendants were released under house arrest, pending jury trial.”

“The statutory range of punishment is not less than ten years, nor more than life imprisonment and/or up to \$4,000,000.00 in fines for Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute; not less than five years imprisonment and/or up to \$250,000.00 fines for Possession of Firearms in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime; and up to ten years imprisonment and/or up to \$250,000.00 in fines for Felon in Possession of Firearms,” stated U.S. Attorney Sperling.

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