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BOWLING GREEN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO GUN AND METHAMPHETAMINE CHARGES

– Prior drug felony conviction

BOWLING GREEN, KY - **David A. LaGrand**, age 44, of 705 Covington Street, Bowling Green, Kentucky, pled guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession of chemicals used to manufacture methamphetamine, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, 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.

LaGrand plead guilty and admitted that on or about November 20, 2005, in Warren County, Kentucky, he knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute 48 grams of methamphetamine with a street value of approximately \$4,800, and possessed ephedrine/pseudoephedrine pills knowing and having reasonable cause to believe that the ephedrine/pseudoephedrine pills would be used to manufacture methamphetamine. LaGrand also plead guilty to being a convicted felon in possession of a Bryco Arms, Model 25, .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol. LaGrand was previously convicted in April 1999 for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, in Warren Circuit Court, Warren County, Kentucky, case number 98-CR-00683 and case number 98-CR-00766. LaGrand was arrested by Bowling Green Police Officers during the execution of a state arrest warrant issued by Daviess County for

contempt of court.

The maximum potential penalties are up to 50 years imprisonment, a \$1,500,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of at least 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Daniel P. Kinnicutt. The Bowling Green Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Bowling Green Police Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before Judge Thomas B. Russell, United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

LaGrand is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Thomas B. Russell on September 3, 2008, at 11:30 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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