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NEW PLYMOUTH MAN GOES TO FEDERAL PRISON

Brian Eugene Blaskey, 53, will serve 100 months in federal prison for drug and firearms offenses, U.S. Attorney Tom Moss announced on Tuesday.

Blaskey's New Plymouth house was raided by law enforcement officers with the High Desert Task Force during a drug investigation on April 3, 2007. Inside Blaskey's residence, officers found three firearms and a small amount of methamphetamine for sale.

Blaskey, a convicted felon, pled guilty in federal court to unlawful possession of firearms, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. He was sentenced by U.S. District Judge James S. Otero on July 1, 2008, at the Federal Courthouse in Boise.

Blaskey's case was investigated by the High Desert Task Force, which consists of the Fruitland City Police Department, the Payette County Sheriff's Office, the Payette City Police Department, the Malheur County Sheriff's Department, and the Ontario City Police Department. The case was also investigated by the Idaho State Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

"This case demonstrates that meth is a drug which scourges all of our communities, from our largest cities to our smallest towns," Moss said.
