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HENDERSON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRAFFICKING IN METHAMPHETAMINE

OWENSBORO, KY - **Michael St. Dennis**, age 31, of 504 Second Street, Henderson, Kentucky, pled guilty to trafficking in methamphetamine, 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.

St. Dennis admitted that on or about May 1, 2006, until on or about June 23, 2006, he conspired with others to possess with the intent to distribute methamphetamine.

On June 23, 2006, police executed a search warrant at 504 Second Street, in Henderson, Kentucky. Police found a zippered black bag hidden in a ceiling tile there. Inside were apparent drug ledgers and baggies containing approximately eight grams of crystal methamphetamine, along with digital scales and some cash.

Based on information obtained from a source, detectives obtained a state search warrant and executed it on June 23, 2006 at the 504 Second Street address, St. Dennis' residence. Police discovered various prescription drugs along with a black zippered bag containing white lettering hidden in a kitchen ceiling tile. Inside it were two small spiral notebooks with drug sales notes and a plastic Ziploc pouch with "17G" in black ink and containing eight individual smaller, Ziploc pouches, each containing approximately one gram of crystal methamphetamine, worth

approximately \$800 on the street. Also \$330 in cash and a set of American Weigh Camo digital scales were found.

The maximum potential penalties are 40 years imprisonment, a \$2,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 4 years. There is a mandatory minimum penalty of 5 years imprisonment.

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 Gun Task Force, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Owensboro, Kentucky.

St. Dennis is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on October 20, 2008, at 1:30 p.m., in Owensboro, Kentucky.

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