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**TWO SENTENCED IN METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Special Agent Karl Stankovic, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), jointly announced today the sentencing of **WILMA HORNBACK**, age 38, of Louisville, KY, and **PENNY LAWSON**, age 36, of Louisville, KY, on July 7, 2005, following their pleas of guilty to methamphetamine trafficking charges.

Honorable Jennifer B. Coffman, Judge, United States District Court, presided over the sentencing. **Hornback** was sentenced to 8 months imprisonment, followed by 2 months of home detention, plus 3 years supervised release following incarceration. **Lawson** was sentenced to 46 months imprisonment, plus 3 years supervised release following the incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

On April 7, 2005, **Hornback** pled guilty to distributing a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine and **Lawson** plead guilty to two counts of possession with the intent to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine.

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**KELLY JAGER a/k/a KELLY BREWER**, age 40, of Brooks, KY, **PATRICK KEITH**, age 33, of White Mills, KY, **WILLIAM ASHBY**, age 25, of Louisville, KY, **VICTOR KUSTES**, age 43, of Brooks, KY, **ISAAC NETTER**, age 40, of Louisville, KY, **WILLIAM OGDEN**, age 44, of Brooks, KY, **RUDY SCOTT**, age 37, of Louisville, KY, and **DANIEL BRENT STEPHENSON**, age 33, of Louisville, KY, have also entered guilty pleas in this case and are scheduled to be sentenced on September 8, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. One defendant, **ROBERT HURLEY**, age 31, of Glendale, KY, has entered a plea of not guilty to the charges against him, but a trial date has not been set.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke and was investigated by a Task Force comprised of personnel from a number of state and federal law enforcement agencies, including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department, the Hardin County Drug Task Force, the Bullitt County Drug Task Force, the Kentucky Division of Probation and Parole, Metro Narcotics, the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, and the Bullitt County Commonwealth Attorney's Office.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement that targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

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