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WARLOCKS MOTORCYCLE CLUB MEMBER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS AND 10 MONTHS IN PRISON

United States Attorney John L. Brownlee and ATF Special Agent in Charge William J. Hoover announced today that Chris Gregg Dezzutti, age 40, of Woodstock, Virginia, was sentenced to 10 years and 10 months in prison for drug and firearms charges related to his involvement in the Warlocks Motorcycle Club.

In November, 2005, Dezzutti plead guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, three counts of being a drug user in possession of a firearm, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of a firearm in the furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

According to evidence presented by the United States, Dezzutti was the enforcer for the Shenandoah County, Virginia chapter of the Warlocks Motorcycle Club. Between Autumn of 1998 and January 18, 2005, Dezzutti and other conspirators had an agreement to sell methamphetamine. Dezzutti knew of the agreement and knowingly and voluntarily became part of the conspiracy.

Various members of the club supplied each other with controlled substances, including methamphetamine. They also distributed and purchased methamphetamine from individuals outside the club.

Beginning in the fall of 1998, Dezzutti would sell ounce quantities of methamphetamine for redistribution, and was armed with a pistol on most of these occasions.

On July 24, 2003, a search warrant was executed at a home where Chris Dezzutti was staying in Mount Jackson, Virginia. Agents recovered methamphetamine residue, packaging materials, scales, and firearms from the bedroom occupied by Dezzutti.

The case was investigated by ATF, Northwest Regional Drug Task Force, the Virginia State Police, and DEA.

Assistant United States Attorney Joseph W. H. Mott is prosecuting the case.

Dezzutti's co-defendant, George Paul Framelli, will be sentenced in April.

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