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### **WAYNESBORO MEN SENTENCED TO MULTIPLE DECADES IN PRISON FOR METHAMPHETAMINE AND FIREARMS CHARGES**

United States Attorney John L. Brownlee announced today that Timothy Clay Arey, age 47, of Waynesboro, Virginia, was sentenced to 79 years and four months in prison. Randolph William Arey, age 53, of Waynesboro, Virginia, was sentenced to 49 years and 7 months in prison.

“These two men were big time meth dealers with a lot of potential for violence given the number of firearms that were found in their possession,” said United States Attorney John Brownlee. “Their long sentences reflect the severity of their crimes.”

The Areys were convicted of conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, possession of an unregistered silencer, and possession of a firearm after having been previously convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. The Areys were sentenced by the Honorable Judge Samuel G. Wilson. The Areys were convicted of all twelve counts against them on March 17, 2006, after a three-day jury trial in United States District Court in Harrisonburg.

According to evidence presented by Assistant United States Attorney Tony Giorno, beginning in 1999, Timothy and Randolph Arey devised a plan to buy pounds of methamphetamine from sources in Augusta County and then distributed the meth to others in Waynesboro and Stuarts Draft. Testimony at trial showed that between 1999 and 2002, the Areys were responsible for buying and re-distributing a pound of meth a week.

“This case shows how effective we can be in stopping the flow of drugs into the community when we work together as federal, state, and local partners,” said United States Attorney John Brownlee.

In October, 2004, federal, state, and local agencies executed a search warrant at Timothy Arey’s home in Waynesboro, where they discovered 21 firearms, half an ounce of meth, more than \$7,000 in cash, and digital scales.

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Witnesses testified at trial that both brothers had made threats to members of law enforcement and that the guns the Areys possessed were for protection if one of their homes was raided.

Witnesses testified that Timothy Arey would exchange meth for firearms, and that both brothers were armed during their drug distribution crimes.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), DEA, and the Augusta County Sheriff's Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Giorno prosecuted the case.

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