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**LOUISVILLE AREA PURCHASER OF COLD MEDICINE IS INDICTED FOR  
CONSPIRING TO MAKE METHAMPHETAMINE AND ILLEGALLY  
POSSESSING TWO HANDGUN**

*– Deborah Crabtree also charged with being felon in possession of firearms*

LOUISVILLE, KY - A federal grand jury in Louisville returned a superseding indictment charging **Deborah Ann Crabtree**, age 51, of Louisville, Kentucky, with conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, possession of pseudoephedrine believing it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine, possession of firearms while being a convicted felon, and possession of controlled substances, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of 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. The original Indictment was filed on May 7, 2007.

The Indictment alleges that the offenses occurred between June 17, 2005, and May 10, 2007. Crabtree made purchases of pseudoephedrine at various drugstores in and around the Louisville area to be used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. Crabtree and others obtained over 300 grams of pseudoephedrine for use in manufacturing methamphetamine. The Indictment also alleges that Crabtree, a convicted felon, possessed a Raven Arms Model P-25, .25 caliber automatic pistol and a RG .38 Special revolver, which had been transported in interstate commerce. She had previously been convicted in Jefferson Circuit Court on April 1, 1994, of illegal possession of a controlled substance.

In the event of a conviction, the maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$8,500,000 fine, and supervised release for life. The minimum potential penalties are 20 years imprisonment and supervised release for 10 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James H. Barr and it was investigated by the Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Louisville Metro Police Department.

Crabtree is scheduled for trial on December 17, 2007, in Louisville.

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**The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.**

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