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## **LOUISVILLE DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING**

*-Metro escapee lead authorities to meth lab*

LOUISVILLE, KY - Theresa Livers, age 44, of Louisville, Kentucky, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for drug trafficking, 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.

Thomas B. Russell, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Livers to 5 years supervised release, following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

A jury had found Livers and her co-defendant, Charles James (who is now deceased), guilty of conspiring to manufacture methamphetamine, attempting to manufacture methamphetamine, possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possessing the chemical pseudoephedrine for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine, and possessing other equipment, chemicals, and materials for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine.

Livers and James were arrested in November 2005 when methamphetamine ingredients were discovered in the residence they occupied and a methamphetamine lab was found in an adjoining garage. Police first went to the residence in search of an inmate who had escaped from the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections (LMDC), believing that the escapee's girlfriend

was living at the residence which was located at 7506 Wimstock Avenue in Louisville. While searching the residence for the escapee, the police discovered equipment, chemicals and materials consistent with a methamphetamine laboratory both in the residence and in an adjoining garage. Among the items recovered was 238 grams of pseudoephedrine, an essential ingredient in the making of methamphetamine. Witnesses at the trial testified that the pseudoephedrine recovered together with the other equipment and materials found at the residence were capable of producing more than 100 grams of methamphetamine which sells on the street for approximately \$100 per gram. The police also found a quantity of finished methamphetamine at the residence.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Robert J. Kilmartin and Mac Shannon. The Louisville Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with Louisville Metro Corrections Department as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

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