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**SCOTTSVILLE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO
METHAMPHETAMINE-RELATED CHARGES**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **BRIAN K. ONEY**, age 40, of 70 Ayers Lane, Scottsville, Kentucky, in Allen County, **pled guilty** on April 15, 2005, to conspiracy to manufacture, manufacturing, and possessing with the intent to distribute more than five grams of methamphetamine. **Oney** also pled guilty to possessing the equipment and materials used in manufacturing methamphetamine.

The maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment, a \$12,250,000 fine, and no less than five years supervised release.

Oney pled guilty and admitted that from on or about and between March 1, 2004, and March 25, 2004, in Warren County, Kentucky, and elsewhere, he conspired with **Matthew R. Crabtree, Christina L. Holder, Todd B. Renfrow, and Paul R. Daugherty**, co-defendants in this case, to knowingly and intentionally manufacture fifty grams or more of methamphetamine. **Oney** also admitted that he knowingly and intentionally manufactured fifty grams or more of

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methamphetamine, possessed with the intent to distribute that methamphetamine, and knowingly possessed equipment, chemicals, and materials used to manufacture methamphetamine.

On March 25, 2004, a state search warrant was executed at the residence of **Crabtree** in Bowling Green, Kentucky. At the time the warrant was executed, **Renfrow** and **Daugherty** were found actively engaged in the process of manufacturing methamphetamine. During the search, approximately 3.5 ounces of methamphetamine and 4 pounds of ephedrine and other items used in the manufacture of methamphetamine, as well as 97 firearms, were recovered. In addition, eight active clandestine methamphetamine cooking operations were located during the search.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Philip C. Chance, and was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Kentucky State Police, and the Bowling Green Warren County Drug Task Force.

The plea was entered before Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Oney is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge McKinley on July 8, 2005, at 9:00 a.m., in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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