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FINAL TWO DEFENDANTS SENTENCED IN METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING CASE

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Special Agent Paul Vido, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, jointly announced today that Robert Hurley, age 33, of Glendale, Ky., and Patrick Keith, age 35, of Elizabethtown, Ky., were sentenced following their pleas of guilty to methamphetamine trafficking charges.

On June 8, 2006, Honorable Jennifer B. Coffman, Judge, United States District Court, sentenced Hurley to seven years and six months imprisonment plus four years of supervised release. Keith was sentenced to six years and eight months imprisonment plus four years of supervised release. Their terms of supervised release will commence following their terms of incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

On March 9, 2006, Hurley pled guilty and admitted that between May 1, 2002, and August 31, 2004, he conspired with other individuals to manufacture and distribute over 500 grams of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. Hurley also admitted that on August 20, 2003, he possessed 165 pseudoephedrine tablets when he had reason to believe that these tablets would be used to manufacture methamphetamine. He also admitted that on August 20, 2003, he used and carried a firearm in furtherance of the drug trafficking conspiracy. According to the indictment, Hurley used and carried two firearms, a Smith & Wesson .357 Magnum caliber revolver and a .22 caliber revolver.

On May 12, 2005, Keith pled guilty and admitted that between May 1, 2002, and August 31, 2004, he conspired with other individuals, including Hurley, to manufacture and distribute over 500 grams of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine and that on August 20, 2003 he possessed 165 pseudoephedrine tablets when he had reason to believe that these tablets would be used to manufacture methamphetamine.

Nine other defendants were charged with Hurley and Keith in the conspiracy and all have previously pled guilty and have already been sentenced in this case. The total street value of the methamphetamine seized from the defendants is estimated at \$31,700.00.

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The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas W. Dyke and it was investigated by a Task Force comprised of personnel from a number of state and federal law enforcement agencies including the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department, the Hardin County Drug Task Force, the Bullitt County Drug Task Force, the Kentucky Division of Probation and Parole, Metro Narcotics, the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, and the Bullitt County Commonwealth Attorney's Office.

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