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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO MANUFACTURE METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

Michael R. Curiale, Jr., 26, also known as “Mechanic Mike,” of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 30, 2003, **Curiale** pleaded guilty to conspiring to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he engaged in the manufacture of methamphetamine in the Kansas City area on March 5, 2002. Further, the defendant admitted that 97.29 grams of a substance containing methamphetamine was recovered from his Kansas City residence.

On Oct. 1, 2002, **Curiale** and co-defendant **Janie A. Patterson**, 40, also of Kansas City, were charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for their roles in the conspiracy.

On Oct. 24, 2003, **Patterson** was sentenced to five years in federal prison without parole for her involvement in the methamphetamine conspiracy. On Jan. 9, 2003, **Patterson** also pleaded guilty to conspiring to manufacture methamphetamine.

The co-defendants were initially charged after law enforcement officials raided a Kansas City-based methamphetamine lab that the co-defendants were operating at **Patterson’s** residence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City Metropolitan Meth Task Force.

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