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MCKINNEY MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ECSTASY IMPORTATION SCHEME

(Sherman, Texas) A 38-year-old McKinney man pleaded guilty today to importing approximately 4,000 tablets of ecstasy from Canada with the intent to distribute them in the Plano area. **WILLIAM BURNETT BROOKINS** pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute MDMA or "Ecstasy."

According to information prosecutors presented in court, on March 25, 2004, Brookins traveled to Canada where he purchased the tablets from an individual. On March 26, 2004, Brookins and the individual placed a package containing the tablets with United Parcel Service for shipment from Canada to a postal box in Plano. The drugs were hidden in a piece of furniture within the package. The package was intercepted in transit by agents of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Kentucky, who opened the package and discovered the hidden drugs. The package was re-sealed and delivered by ICE agents to the postal box in Plano. Brookins was arrested by ICE Special Agents shortly after he picked up the package and opened it. Brookins was arrested in January, 2004, in a separate instance, by the Denton Police Department for possession 1,709 tablets of ecstasy. Those charges were pending at the time his arrest by federal agents. As part of his plea,

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Brookins also admitted that he possessed those drugs for the purpose of distributing them.

Brookins faces up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$1 million. The case was investigated by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney, Andy Williams.

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