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## **METHAMPHETAMINE PROVES TO BE A TICKET TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR LUFKIN MAN**

(Lufkin, Texas) A 57-year-old Lufkin man has been sentenced to 168 months in federal prison for distributing drugs to be used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. This afternoon, U.S. District Judge Thad Heartfield sentenced **HERMAN GLENN CHAMBLISS** for Possession of a Listed Chemical with Knowledge of its Wrongful Intended Use.

According to information presented in court, Chambliss was arrested on October 8, 2003, by the Polk County Sheriff's Office when deputies discovered more than 11,000 pseudoephedrine pills during a traffic stop. During the preceding five months, Chambliss had been investigated by the Department of Public Safety Narcotics Section Methamphetamine Initiative Group in Harris County. Chambliss was purchasing pseudoephedrine pills in and around the Houston area and bringing the pills to Lufkin where he would sell them to known methamphetamine manufactures.

Chambliss pleaded guilty to the offense on January 13, 2004.

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**U.S. Attorney Matthew D. Orwig says this sentencing should send a message, "Those who are supplying methamphetamine manufacturers with the components to produce this deadly drug, will be vigorously prosecuted. Even though the Defendant may never actually produce or distribute methamphetamine, dealing in the components to produce meth will get you time in federal prison." Orwig also said, "This sentence sends a powerful message: We are committed to disrupting the supply of methamphetamine in the Eastern District of Texas."**

The case was investigated by the Department of Public Safety Narcotics Section Methamphetamine Initiative Group, Polk County Sheriff's Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Lisa Flourney prosecuted the case.

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