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## **"METHBUSTERS" INITIATIVE PUTS MT. PLEASANT MAN IN FEDERAL PRISON**

(Tyler, TX) A 49 year-old Mt. Pleasant man has been sentenced to 27 months in federal prison for two counts of Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine. **BENJAMIN FRED CLARK** was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Leonard Davis.

According to evidence presented in court, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration special agents and task force officers, utilizing a confidential informant, purchased over six grams of methamphetamine from Clark at his residence on December 13 and 19, 2002. At the time, Clark was residing in Gilmer. He was indicted by a federal grand jury on February 3, 2004 and pleaded guilty to the charges on April 19, 2004. In addition to the federal charges Clark is also facing state drug charges in Gregg County, Texas and Upshur County.

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**Matthew D. Orwig, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, praised law enforcement for removing another dangerous methamphetamine dealer from east Texas, "The 'Methbusters' Initiative is getting results. Law enforcement throughout the Eastern District of Texas is committed to the initiative and will continue to explore all leads and root out those trafficking in this deadly drug."**

This case was investigated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. Assistant United States Attorney Allen Hurst prosecuted the case.

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