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DRUG RING PARTICIPANTS SENT TO PRISON

(Sherman, Texas) Eight persons convicted of illegal drug and firearms offenses in the Paris, Texas area, have been sentenced to federal prison. U.S. District Judge Leonard Davis imposed prison sentences today ranging from eighteen months to 236 months.

According to court documents, the sentences are the result of numerous investigations over the last several years into the activities of drug trafficking organizations in the Paris community. The organizations were involved with illegal firearms and the distribution of methamphetamine and crack cocaine in the East Texas area. The Lamar County District Attorney's Office, Paris Police Department, Lamar County Sheriff's Office, Regional Controlled Substance Apprehension Program, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Internal Revenue Service, and United States Marshal Service participated in the investigations that lead to these sentencings.

Matthew D. Orwig, U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, praised the work of the many law enforcement agencies that worked so closely together to bring the criminal activities

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of these organizations to a halt, "Law enforcement agencies did an outstanding job of cleaning up our communities. I want to thank each agent and officer for their dedication and commitment to ridding Northeast Texas of illegal drugs and illegal firearms."

Sentenced today were:

Charles Edward Armstrong, Jr.	23	Paris	36 months	Felon in Possession of a Firearm
Kevin Randall Armstrong	22	Paris	18 months	Possession of a controlled substance w/Intent to Distribute and Possession of a Firearm During and in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime
Mark Allen Lowry	49	Paris	60 months	Possession of a Controlled Substance w/Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance
Joel Conway Robinson	25	Paris	24 months	Conspiracy to Manufacture, Distribute or Possess with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute or Dispense Methamphetamine
Kevin Jay Williams	47	Paris	42 months	Possession with the Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine
Bobby Wayne Pratt	49	Paris	42 months	Conspiracy to Manufacture, Distribute or Possess with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute or Dispense Methamphetamine
Larry Dean Ward	30	Paris	236 months	Conspiracy to Manufacture, Distribute or Possess with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute or Dispense Methamphetamine
Kimberly Kay Wright	21	Deport, TX	46 months	Conspiracy to Manufacture, Distribute or Possess with Intent to Manufacture, Distribute or Dispense Methamphetamine

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jaime Pena is prosecuting the case.

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