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SOUTHEAST TEXAS DRUG DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY

(Beaumont, Texas) Nine Southeast Texas residents have pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges. U.S. District Judge Marcia Crone has accepted the guilty pleas of the co-defendants and two others from Phoenix, Arizona after an 18 month investigation by the FBI and the Department of Public Safety Narcotics.

According to information prosecutors presented in court, the co-defendants were involved in a conspiracy to transport methamphetamine from the Phoenix area and distribute it in Hardin and Tyler Counties. Between May and November 2003, the conspirators transported, via airplanes and automobiles, more than four kilograms of methamphetamine for distribution in Southeast Texas.

U.S. Attorney Matthew D. Orwig praised the work of the FBI and DPS Narcotics in bringing these defendants to justice, "The agents did an outstanding job of cracking this conspiracy which has distributed a large volume of methamphetamine into Hardin and Tyler County. We will vigorously investigate and prosecute those who seek to break the law and deal drugs."

The grand jury has indicted an Arizona man for being the main supplier of the conspiracy. Judge Crone did not set a sentencing date for the co-defendants.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michelle Englade is prosecuting the case.

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Defendant	age	residence	plea	penalty range
James Eason	40	Fred, Texas	1	A
Allen Alldredge	21	Phoenix, AZ	1	A
Dina Reynolds	31	Phoenix, AZ	1	A
John Gordon, Jr.	27	Fred, TX	1	A
Anthony Brian Martin	24	Fred, TX	1	A
Stephen Lance Rayon	34	Vidor, TX	1	A
Jerry Gore	31	Fred, TX	1	A
Robert Clark	35	Silsbee, TX	1	A

Charles Derek Phelps	46	Lumberton, TX	1	A
Jason Luke Welborn	26	Silsbee, TX	1	A
Gregory Wilson	44	Vidor, TX	2	B

1. Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine
 - A. Maximum of life in prison and a \$4 million fine

2. Aiding and Abetting the Traveling in Interstate Commerce with Intent to Possess with Possess Methamphetamine
 - B. Five years, \$250,000 fine