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METH DEALER ENTERS GUILTY PLEA

(Beaumont, Texas) A 57-year-old San Jacinto County man pleaded guilty today to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in the Eastern District of Texas.

JERRY WAYNE GILMORE of Shepherd entered a guilty plea before United States District Judge Ron Clark.

According to information presented in Court, Gilmore, along with other individuals, delivered over 450 grams of methamphetamine to undercover officers from June 17, 2003 to October 16, 2003.

This case is part of the Methbusters initiative. Methbusters is an aggressive program implemented in the Eastern District of Texas to address the growing problem of methamphetamine trafficking in East Texas. The United States Attorney's Office has joined with law enforcement to aggressively pursue and prosecute those involved with manufacturing and distributing the methamphetamine drug or the chemicals used in its production.

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Gilmore Sentencing

U.S. Attorney Matthew D. Orwig says this should send a strong message to methamphetamine dealers, "Methamphetamine has had a devastating impact on society, one which we are committed to disrupting." Orwig also encouraged citizens to become a partner in the Methbusters initiative, "If you suspect someone may be using or distributing methamphetamine, please contact your local law enforcement authorities immediately."

U.S. District Judge Ron Clark did not set a date for sentencing. Gilmore faces up to 40 years in prison and a fine of up to \$2 million.

The case was investigated by the Texas Department of Public Safety Narcotics Division, Central Texas Narcotics Task Force, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Lowery is prosecuting the case.

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