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## **PRISON SENTENCE FOR POSSESSING CHEMICAL WEAPONS**

(Tyler, Texas)            A Smith County resident has been sentenced to 135 months in federal prison for possessing sodium cyanide, as well as other chemicals for the purpose of creating a dangerous weapon. U.S. District Judge Leonard Davis sentenced **WILLIAM J. KRAR** this afternoon and ordered him to pay \$29,600 in restitution. His co-defendant, **JUDITH L. BRUEY**, was sentenced to 57 months for conspiring to Possess Illegal Weapons.

According to information prosecutors presented in court, Krar accumulated a large quantity of sodium cyanide and acids such as hydrochloric, nitric and acetic acids, as well as a large cache of guns and ammunition sometime before the spring of 2003. The chemicals and weapons were found in April 2003 after the discovery of false documents that had been manufactured by Krar. The false documents were part of a package Krar mailed to Edward Feltus in New Jersey in January 2002. Instead of being delivered to Feltus as Krar intended, the package was accidentally taken to a household on Staten Island, New York. The package contained more than five false identification documents, including a North Dakota birth certificate, a Social Security card, a Vermont birth certificate, a Defense Intelligence Agency Identification card, and a United Nations Multinational Force Identification card. The

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subsequent investigation determined that Krar not only possessed false documents, but had accumulated dangerous chemical weapons. Sodium cyanide is a toxic chemical and as such, constitutes a chemical weapon in its own right. When mixed with strong acids like those found at Krar's residence, the combination, cyanide gas, is extremely lethal. During the search of the Smith County residence and the Noonday, Texas storage room that Krar shared with Bruey, federal agents and officers found and recovered multiple illegal weapons including machine guns, silencers, destructive devices, tens of thousands of rounds of ammunition and a handgun with an obliterated serial number. In addition, agents found and seized numerous explosives.

Krar, 63, pleaded guilty last November to Possessing a Dangerous Chemical Weapon. Bruey, 55, pleaded guilty at the same time to Conspiracy to Possess Illegal Weapons.

**U.S. Attorney Matthew D. Orwig complimented the investigative efforts of the FBI, ATF, the Army Criminal Investigation Division and the Defense Department Criminal Investigative Service, "This investigation centered on very serious allegations. Through the cooperative effort of the FBI, ATF, the Army CID and the Criminal Investigative Service, these defendants were identified and their activities pinpointed and neutralized. We live in a safer world because of the efforts of these agencies and the stiff sentences handed down today."**

**Peter A. Galbraith, the Supervisory Special Agent with the FBI says, "The War on Terrorism requires us to successfully adapt to threats. Increased attention to what initially appeared to be a relatively minor fraudulent document investigation resulted in the evolution to a significant Joint Domestic Terrorism initiative and the seizure of chemicals to create weapons of mass destruction along with a cache of ammunition and firearms. Despite the media focus on International Terrorism, risks posed by Domestic Terrorist Groups, such as William Krar and his associates, continue to be a significant priority for the FBI."**

**Bill Newell, the ASAC with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, stated that this case is, "Further evidence of the cooperative nature of law enforcement in investigating and prosecuting individuals who threaten the safety of all our citizens."**

The Tyler, Texas Fire Department and the East Texas Violent Crimes Task Force also participated in the investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Wes Rivers prosecuted the case.

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