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## **LUFKIN MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING FIREARM WHILE TRAFFICKING METH**

(Beaumont, Texas) A 33-year-old Lufkin man has been sentenced to 60 months in federal prison for possession of a firearm during, and in relation to, a crime of drug trafficking. **ROY LUCE, JR.** was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Thad Heartfield.

According to evidence presented in court, Luce was arrested on January 12, 2004, when a search warrant of his residence was executed by the Lufkin Police Department. The search revealed nine firearms and more than 40 grams of methamphetamine. Luce pleaded guilty to the firearms charge on April 27, 2004.

**Matthew D. Orwig, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, praised the work of law enforcement on this case, "Methamphetamine and firearms are often found hand-in-hand. If caught with this deadly combination, violators can expect vigorous federal prosecution and hard time in prison."**

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Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a comprehensive strategic approach to reducing gun violence in America by promoting partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Lufkin Police Department. Special Assistant United States Attorney Lisa Flournoy prosecuted the case.

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