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HILLSBORO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

(Tyler, Texas) A 34-year-old Hillsboro man pleaded guilty today to possessing methamphetamine and a firearm while committing a drug trafficking crime. **MICHAEL PAUL MacMILLIAN** pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Distribute more than 500 grams of a mixture or substance containing Methamphetamine and Possession of a Firearm by an Unlawful User of a Controlled Substance.

According to information presented in court, MacMillian had been manufacturing Methamphetamine in Smith and Hill Counties for some time before being arrested on June 29, 2004.

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. United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced the initiative this summer as a joint venture 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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United States Magistrate Judge Harry W. McKee did not set a sentencing date for MacMillian. MacMillian faces up to life in prison and a fine of up to \$4 million.

The case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Dogwood Trails Narcotics Task Force. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Jackson.

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