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## **FOUR SENTENCED IN TEXARKANA FEDERAL COURT**

(Texarkana, Texas) Four East Texans were sentenced in Federal Court by U.S. District Judge David Folsom today for various drug and gun crimes.

**NOLAN LEE PATTERSON**, 19 of Texarkana, Texas was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison for being an unlawful user of marijuana in possession of a firearm. PATTERSON, who was convicted by a jury on February 18, 2004, was originally scheduled to be sentenced to 15 months imprisonment on June 23, 2004, but he failed to appear for that hearing. At today's sentencing hearing, PATTERSON agreed that he had willfully failed to appear for the June 23<sup>rd</sup> hearing and to serve an additional 6 months imprisonment in order to avoid being indicted for obstruction of justice and failure to appear on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Texas Department of Public Safety Narcotics Section investigated the case. Assistant United States Attorney Barry Bryant prosecuted the case.

**JUDY LOUISE JACKSON**, 42 of Simms, Texas, was sentenced to 68 months in federal prison following her guilty plea to possession of crystal methamphetamine and possession of a firearm in connection with a drug trafficking offense. JACKSON

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was arrested on October 30, 2003, after a high speed chase where she attempted to flee on a motorcycle from Bowie County Sheriff James Prince. Following her arrest, 5 grams of crystal methamphetamine and a semi automatic pistol were found on her person. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Texas DPS Narcotics Section, and the Bowie County Sheriff's Office investigated the case. Assistant United States Attorney Allen Hurst prosecuted the case.

**GERALD HUNT**, 50 of Dallas, was sentenced to 87 months in federal prison following his guilty plea to distribution of crack cocaine. HUNT sold crack cocaine on three occasions in July and August 2001 to an undercover narcotics officer in Bowie County, Texas. The Texas DPS Narcotics Section investigated the case. Assistant United States Attorney Barry Bryant prosecuted the case.

**JIMMY LANE ROBERTS, JR.**, 37 of Bivins, Texas, was sentenced to 60 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to possession with intent to distribute one pound of methamphetamine. ROBERTS purchased the methamphetamine from two undercover Texas DPS narcotics officers and was arrested almost immediately after he purchased the drugs. ROBERTS was a prison guard employed by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, at the Texarkana, Texas, Federal Correctional Institution, at the time of the attempted purchase. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Texas DPS Narcotics Section investigated the case. Assistant United States Attorney Barry Bryant prosecuted the case.

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