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DEFENDANTS SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT

(Texarkana, TX) United States District Judge David Folsom sentenced the following defendants in Federal Court in Texarkana yesterday:

DARRYL RICHARDSON, 41 of Hutchins, Texas, was sentenced to 46 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to conspiracy to distribute 10 kilograms of cocaine. Richardson is one of six defendant's charged in the Texarkana Division of the Eastern District of Texas. Co-defendants Cedric Gardner of Dallas Texas, Eusebio Gutierrez of Laredo Texas, Stevie Richardson of Memphis Tennessee, and Eugene House and Marcus House both of Dekalb Texas, have all entered guilty pleas and are awaiting sentencing in the case.

DEON ANDRE LINDSEY, 31 of Texarkana, Texas was sentenced to 87 months imprisonment following his guilty plea on February 25, 2004, to conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine or cocaine base. Co-defendant Gerald Hunt, also of Texarkana Texas, is awaiting sentencing.

TIMOTHY BRYAN JORDAN, 32 of Fouke Arkansas, was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to illegally introducing and possessing marijuana while he was an inmate at the Texarkana FCI. JORDAN was serving a

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term of 52 months imprisonment at the Texarkana, Texas Federal Correctional Institution, for possession of a stolen firearm when he was discovered to possess marijuana. The 6 month term of imprisonment will be served consecutively to JORDAN's current 52 month term.

JONATHAN MARK TAYLOR, 46 of Texarkana, Texas, was sentenced to 78 months imprisonment following his plea of guilty to possession with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of methamphetamine. Co-defendant Angela Jackson has pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing. Co-defendant Robert Dooley is set for trial August 2, 2004. The defendants were all arrested at TAYOLR's residence on March 26, 2003, when a methamphetamine lab was discovered by law enforcement officers there.

JOSE LUIS LOPEZ VASQUEZ, 35 of Hermosillo, Mexico, was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment for writing threatening letters to a United States District Judge and an Assistant United States Attorney in Laredo Texas. LOPEZ was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's office for the Southern District of Texas and sentenced by United States District Judge Keith Ellison to 96 months imprisonment for illegal re-entry into the United States after deportation in 1999. LOPEZ was serving his prison term at the Texarkana FCI when he was discovered writing a letter to Judge Ellison and the prosecutor threatening to kill them when he was released from prison. Because of LOPEZ's prior history of violent conduct the threats were

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considered serious. LOPEZ will serve the 15 month sentence after he completes the existing 96 month sentence.

LELAND ALVIN PATTERSON, 49 of Texarkana, Texas was sentenced to 60 months imprisonment for possession of a firearm, a .45 caliber semiautomatic pistol, in connection with the drug offense of distribution of marijuana. PATTERSON pleaded guilty on February 3, 2004. On August 8, 2003, officers of the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, along with agents of the Texas DPS Narcotics Service served a Federal Search Warrant at the Residence of LELAND PATTERSON. PATTERSON was arrested after officers discovered pre-packaged marijuana, marijuana smoking paraphernalia, cultivated marijuana plants and the .45 caliber pistol.

Nolan Lee Patterson, a co-defendant and LELAND PATTERSON's son was convicted by a jury on February 18, 2004, of being an unlawful user of marijuana in possession of a firearm. His sentencing was scheduled for Wednesday June 23, 2004 as well. Nolan Patterson failed to appear and Judge Folsom issued a warrant for his arrest.

These cases were prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Barry Bryant.

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