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Duluth man indicted for distributing methamphetamine

A 27-year-old Duluth man was indicted last week on four counts related to the highly addictive and dangerous drug methamphetamine. Jimmy Joe Korf was charged April 23 in Minneapolis with one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine; two counts of distribution of methamphetamine; and one count of possession with intent to distribute and distribution of methamphetamine.

Korf's indictment alleges that from Sept. 1, 2007 through Jan. 9, 2008, he knowingly and intentionally conspired with others to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 50 or more grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine.

The indictment also alleges that Korf knowingly and intentionally distributed approximately 15 grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine on Oct. 2, 2007, and approximately 27 grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine on Oct. 11.

Korf, the indictment alleges, knowingly and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute and distributed approximately 257 grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine on Oct. 25.

According to a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) affidavit, officers arranged three separate "controlled purchases" of methamphetamine from Korf totaling 141 grams. Following the final purchase, Korf was arrested and police recovered an additional 116 grams of methamphetamine.

An executed search warrant at Korf's residence on Jan. 9 resulted in the recovery of approximately 10 grams of methamphetamine, a digital scale, a glass pipe, sandwich bags and a pay-and-owe list.

If convicted, Korf faces a potential maximum penalty of 40 years in prison on the conspiracy count; 20 years on each distribution count; and 40 years on the possession with intent

to distribute count. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge.

This case is the result of an investigation by the ATF, the Duluth Police Department and the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Christian S. Wilton.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by the defendant. The defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial.