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CANADIAN MAN SENTENCING IN SOUTHERN INDIANA MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that EWAN JACK LILFORD, 33, of British Columbia, Canada, was sentenced to 14 years, 4 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute Canadian grown "BC Bud" marijuana.. The investigation was conducted by the Louisville, Kentucky, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Seattle, Washington, offices of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the New Albany and Indianapolis offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Border Enforcement Team, the Organized Crime Agency of British Columbia, and the New Albany, Bloomington and Victoria, Canada, Police Departments.

LILFORD was a leader of an organization responsible for distributing marijuana from Western Canada to Southern Indiana. This case was the result of a 2003 investigation into two separate conspiracies to distribute high quality, "B.C. Bud" marijuana supplied by members and associates of the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang of British Columbia, Canada, to individuals in Southern Indiana.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew P. Brookman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed 5 years supervised release following LILFORD's release from imprisonment. LILFORD was fined in the amount of \$1,000.

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