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HEAD OF METH TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS, 8 MONTHS

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MANUEL MARTINEZ, 45, Houston, Texas, was sentenced to 188 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to one count of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. This case was the result of an 18 month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration (Evansville & Houston), Vigo County Drug Task Force, Vincennes Police Department, Montgomery County (Texas) Sheriff's Department.

The investigation revealed that MARTINEZ was a source of supply for a methamphetamine trafficking organization that distributed approximately seven pounds of methamphetamine every six weeks in the Terre Haute area from approximately June, 2003 through July 28, 2006.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 5 years supervised release following MARTINEZ' release from imprisonment. MARTINEZ will be subject to deportation following the completion of his prison sentence and, during the period of his supervised release, must refrain from re-entering the United States.

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