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THREE INDIANAPOLIS METHAMPHETAMINE DEALERS SENTENCED

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that three defendants were sentenced to imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge John D. Tinder following their guilty pleas to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. CHRISTIAN MENDEZ, 21, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 168 months imprisonment. LUIS ALBERTO-GONZALEZ, 26, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 135 months imprisonment. MELISSA GIBSON, 28, Mooresville, Indiana, was sentenced to 62 months imprisonment. This case was the result of a four month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration Indiana State Police that included wire surveillance over six cellular telephones.

The investigation revealed that these three persons were involved in a methamphetamine trafficking organization that distributed approximately 10 pounds of methamphetamine per week in the Indianapolis area from October, 2006 through January 22, 2007. MENDEZ was a high-level methamphetamine distributor for the organization, who distributed multiple pounds of methamphetamine per week in the Indianapolis area during the duration of the conspiracy. ALBERTO-GONZALEZ was a drug courier for the organization, who drove from Indianapolis to Whiting, Indiana and Chicago, Illinois once or twice per week to obtain methamphetamine for the organization. MELISSA GIBSON was a lower-level distributor for the organization who distributed her methamphetamine in the Mooresville area.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Tinder also imposed 5 years supervised release following MENDEZ' release from imprisonment and 4 years supervised release following ALBERTO-GONZALEZ and GIBSON's release from imprisonment. MENDEZ, who is a citizen of Mexico and illegally in the United States, will be deported to Mexico following his term of imprisonment.

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