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## **METHAMPHETAMINE COURIER SENTENCED**

### PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that PHILLIP ROSSI, 52, Crete, Illinois, was sentenced to 135 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 ROSSI was a drug courier 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. ROSSI transported shipments of methamphetamine from the Houston, Texas area to Terre Haute every six weeks during the charged conspiracy and delivered the methamphetamine to the head of a methamphetamine trafficking cell in Terre Haute.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 3 years supervised release following ROSSI's release from imprisonment. During his supervised release, ROSSI will be subjected to random searches of his person, residence, and vehicle.

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