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HEAD OF METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING CELL SENTENCED

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that GREGORY J. VANES, 29, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 360 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. This case was the result of a nine-month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Metro Drug Task Force, Beech Grove Police Department, Indianapolis Police Department, Marion County Sheriff's Department, Vigo County Drug Task Force, and the Clay County Sheriff's Department.

VANES was the leader of a methamphetamine trafficking cell that distributed methamphetamine along the I-70 corridor running from Indianapolis to Terre Haute. VANES received his methamphetamine from a Mexican methamphetamine trafficking organization that smuggled the methamphetamine across the border in McAllen, Texas and California and transported the methamphetamine to Indianapolis. VANES' methamphetamine trafficking cell distributed approximately twenty pounds of methamphetamine per month from May, 2005 through January, 2006.

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

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