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ILLINOIS METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO FOURTEEN YEARS IN PRISON

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that WILLIAM D. HOOPINGARNER, 57, Marshall, Illinois, was sentenced to 168 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty pleas 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, Clay County Sheriff's Department..

HOOPINGARNER was a mid-level distributor for a methamphetamine trafficking cell that distributed methamphetamine along the I-70 corridor running from Indianapolis to Terre Haute. The methamphetamine trafficking cell distributed over forty 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 HOOPINGARNER's release from imprisonment. HOOPINGARNER will be subjected to random searches of his person, vehicle, and residence during the period of supervised release.

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