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TWO SOUTHERN INDIANA MEN SENTENCED FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY MARIJUANA MANUFACTURING OPERATION

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that WILLIAM PRICHARD, 58, Scottsburg, Indiana, and JACKIE MORGAN, 68, Austin, Indiana, were sentenced to terms of imprisonment of 120 months and 30 months, respectively, late yesterday by U.S. District Chief Judge David F. Hamilton following their guilty pleas to Manufacturing 1,000 or More Marijuana Plants. This case was the result of an investigation by the Indiana State Police Marijuana Eradication Unit and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

In September 2007, law enforcement agents executed a search warrant at Prichard's residence located on Pixley Knob Road in Washington County, Indiana. Inside a pole barn on the property, agents discovered a large scale, continuous cycle, marijuana manufacturing operation. Among the items seized by law enforcement were 1,605 mature marijuana plants, over three kilograms of individually bagged, processed marijuana, and two firearms.

Last year, the Indiana State Police Marijuana Eradication Unit investigated and dismantled 120 indoor marijuana growing operations. According to Indiana State Police, the marijuana grow in this case was one of the largest and most sophisticated.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Barry D. Glickman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Chief Judge Hamilton also imposed five years supervised release following each defendants' release from imprisonment.

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