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MAJOR MANUFACTURER OF METHAMPHETAMINE SENTENCED

Randall Scott, Who Taught Many Others To Manufacture Meth, Sentenced to 25 Years in Federal Prison

GAINESVILLE, GA - RANDALL LANE SCOTT, 49, of Sugar Hill, Georgia, was sentenced today by United States District Judge William C. O'Kelley on charges of manufacturing methamphetamine and storing chemicals and equipment for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine.

United States Attorney David Nahmias said, "The evidence showed that Scott had been involved with meth lab operations in Hall, Lumpkin, Jackson and Cherokee Counties, and had taught others to manufacture meth. It is also clear that Scott and his associates were primarily responsible for a large number of meth laboratories located in Northeast Georgia. This sentence removes a very dangerous teacher from our community."

Lumpkin County Sheriff Mark McClure said, "I am pleased with the final sentence imposed by Judge O'Kelley. Randall Scott was instrumental in teaching many individuals in the North Georgia mountains how to produce methamphetamine in clandestine laboratories, and was connected to many of the methamphetamine laboratories investigated between 2000 and 2004. One of his labs was located in a rural area of Lumpkin County, and with its discovery, GBI agents seized over three pounds of methamphetamine, the largest amount ever seized at one time in the history of Lumpkin County. To this day, many of the methamphetamine manufacturers whom we arrest still talk of Scott as one who taught them the manufacturing process."

SCOTT was sentenced to 25 years in prison to be followed by 10 years of supervised release, and fined \$2,000. He was also ordered to pay \$13,016 to the Drug Enforcement Administration as compensation for the cost of cleanup of several methamphetamine manufacturing sites. SCOTT was convicted of these charges on October 31, 2007, when he pleaded guilty to the charges.

Judge O'Kelley also sentenced SCOTT's son, JEREMY SCOTT, 25, to 10 years in prison to be followed by 10 years on supervised release. Three other defendants in the case

were sentenced earlier. PAUL WRIGHT BELFLOWER, 53, of Dahlonga, was sentenced to 20 years in prison on April 18, 2006. MICHAEL GRAHAM SEAGRAVES, 40, of Flowery Branch, was sentenced to 12 years, 6 months in prison on August 29, 2007. BRADLEY THOMAS VEACH, 28, of Bremen, Alabama, was sentenced to 10 years in prison on August 29, 2007.

According to United States Attorney Nahmias and the information presented in court: On February 4, 2002, agents of the GBI executed a search warrant at a rented building in downtown Canton, Cherokee County. In and around the building, agents located several canisters containing, or which had contained, ammonia; 15 cans which had contained starting fluid, each with a hole in the bottom; 2 cans of toluene; coffee filters; remnants of 23 lithium batteries; 2 quart jars of "Liquid Fire," a gallon jug of muriatic acid; and rock salt. Agents also located 3 garden sprayers. In various locations, agents found solid material which field-tested as methamphetamine. Written in various places inside the building were the names "Kid," "Randall," and "Brian."

Investigating this lab, GBI agents interviewed several individuals. The manager of the property reported that co-defendant SEAGRAVES had rented the building, and had introduced RANDALL SCOTT as the "money man." After they moved into the building, the manager smelled a strong odor of ammonia and immediately believed that they were making drugs. Witnesses told law enforcement agents that RANDALL SCOTT and SEAGRAVES were making methamphetamine in that building.

On April 24, 2002, VEACH was arrested in Hall County. Agents located in his vehicle packages of pseudoephedrine tablets, cartons of glassware, one large tank of anhydrous ammonia, two small tanks of propane, cans of toluene, goggles, a gas mask, and a garden hose. In a backpack in the car, agents located a small quantity of methamphetamine. VEACH reported that he had been assisting RANDALL SCOTT and his son, JEREMY SCOTT, to cook methamphetamine at a wooded site in Lumpkin County. He said he was to meet RANDALL SCOTT at a mini-warehouse in Oakwood, Hall County.

VEACH directed agents to the laboratory site in Lumpkin County. There, the laboratory was seized. Samples were taken by GBI chemists and taken to the State Crime Lab. The total weight was about 3 pounds. All tested positive for methamphetamine. VEACH then took the agents to a storage unit in Oakwood, where agents located rock salt, cans of Liquid Fire, muriatic acid, toluene, a glass container with 2 hoses with a residue of anhydrous ammonia, coffee filters, and an electric grinder with white powdery residue which tested positive for ephedrine.

While the agents were at the mini-warehouse, RANDALL SCOTT arrived. At that time, SCOTT was driving a stolen automobile. In SCOTT's pocket, two clear sealed bags containing methamphetamine were located. With him was JEREMY SCOTT, who was in possession of a small bag of methamphetamine.

This case was investigated by agents of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, deputies of the Hall and Lumpkin County Sheriff's Departments, and officers of the Cleveland (Georgia) Police Department.

Assistant United States Attorney Allen Moye prosecuted the case.

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