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MOBILE COUNTY WOMAN SENTENCED IN METHAMPHETAMINE LABORATORY EXPLOSION CAUSING DEATH OF A MAN

MOBILE, AL-- Amy Deanne Johns was sentenced by United States District Court Judge William H. Steele on March 21, 2008 to 78 months imprisonment for her part in a methamphetamine manufacturing operation that occurred at her house in Eight Mile, Alabama on March 14, 2006. Testimony at the sentencing hearing established that Johns let others use her house located at 217 Faith Avenue in Eight Mile to manufacture methamphetamine. Ricky Eugene McCammon testified at the sentencing hearing that Johns was to receive an "eight-ball" or 1/8 of an ounce of methamphetamine from the finished product of the "cook" in exchange for allowing McCammon and others to manufacture the methamphetamine at the house. However before the completion of the cook, the methamphetamine laboratory exploded causing a fire at the house. Testimony at the hearing established that one of the individuals present at the house, Joey New, ran out of the house and was on fire after the explosion. New was hospitalized from the burns he suffered in the fire and died from his injuries approximately 2 months later.

The case was investigated by the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, Enforcement Division and the Mobile County Sheriff's Office, Narcotics Division. The Assistant United States Attorney who prosecuted the case, George May, stated that the case would never have been prosecuted without the tireless and dedicated efforts of Corporal Dawn Alfonsi from the Mobile County Sheriff's Office. May stated that Corporal Alfonsi started the investigation with just a report of the fire from the Prichard Fire Department and, through countless hours of pounding the pavement and investigating the case, uncovered all the participants and their relative roles in the methamphetamine manufacturing operation

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