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SEVERNA PARK MAN ARRESTED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF METHAMPHETAMINE

Third Methamphetamine Laboratory Raided in Maryland Since July

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announced today that a criminal complaint and arrest warrant were served on Brian Kauffmann, age 33, of Pertch Road, in Severna Park, Maryland. Kauffmann is charged with the distribution of methamphetamine and conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Members of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Anne Arundel County Police Department executed a search warrant at Kauffmann's residence and arrested him on August 22, 2005.

United States Attorney Rosenstein stated, "Under the leadership of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, we are making the prosecution of methamphetamine manufacturers and distributors a high priority. Working closely with our state and local law enforcement partners, we will continue to seek stiff federal sentences for people who produce and distribute this dangerous and highly addictive drug."

"Seeing methamphetamine in an area like Severna Park, Maryland, is a wake up call to the Washington Metropolitan area that--make no doubt about it--meth is here," stated Shawn A. Johnson, Special Agent in Charge of DEA's Washington Division.

Kauffmann was arrested after a four month investigation. According to the complaint, Kauffmann made several sales of methamphetamine to a confidential DEA source, after initially giving the individual a free sample of the methamphetamine. All of the sales were made at Kauffmann's residence on Pertch Road.

At the request of the Government Kauffmann has been ordered temporarily detained, pending a detention hearing on Wednesday, August 24, 2005 at 10:a.m. at U.S. District Court in Baltimore.

If convicted, Kauffmann faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment with a minimum mandatory sentence of ten years and a \$4,000,000 fine.

A criminal complaint is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by criminal complaint is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

This marks the third meth lab busted by the DEA in Maryland in the last two months.

In July of this year the DEA executed search warrants and seized two labs in northern Harford County and one in southern Pennsylvania. Terry Lee McMillion, age 44 and Carol Ann Lee, age 42, both of Collinsville, Pennsylvania and Donald Lee Burchett, Sr., age 44 and Mary Atti, age 48, both of Street, Maryland were indicted on July 26, 2005 and charged with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine. They are scheduled to be arraigned in federal court on August 26, 2005.

U.S. Attorney Rosenstein praised the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Calvert County Sheriff's Office, and Anne Arundel County Police Department, for their investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Romano who is prosecuting the case.