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**HELLS ANGELS VICE PRESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY  
TO DRUG AND WEAPONS VIOLATIONS**

GREENBELT, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Lewis James Hall, age 35, of Owings Maryland and vice president of the North Beach chapter of Hells Angels Motorcycle Club, plead guilty to distribution of methamphetamine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Hall was arrested on July 24, 2003 and taken into custody following a long-term, nationwide investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) into the Warlocks Outlaw Motorcycle Organization. Two undercover ATF agents became "fully patched" members of the Warlocks motorcycle club and had contacts with members of the local Hells Angels chapter.

According to the statement of facts attached to the plea agreement, on May 3, 2003 the ATF undercover agents attended a party at the Hells Angels North Beach Clubhouse in Owings, Maryland ("Clubhouse"). At the Clubhouse the following day, Beal told Lewis Hall that an individual, later identified as an undercover ATF agent, was interested in purchasing drugs. Shortly after, Hall distributed methamphetamine, commonly called "crank," to the undercover agent.

A search warrant was executed on July 24, 2003 at Hall's residence at Owings, Maryland. Seized from the of the bedside table in Hall's bedroom was a CZ83 .380 caliber semi-automatic

pistol, bearing serial number 77119, loaded with nine rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber.

Hall faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release and a \$1 million fine for distribution of methamphetamine, and 10 years in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Sentencing has been scheduled for June 23, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.

The criminal charges result from an investigation by the Baltimore field office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Barbara S. Skalla and Jane M. Erisman.