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## **SAN CARLOS RESIDENT PLEADS GUILTY TO METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING**

PHOENIX – Sandra Dee Burdette, age 44, of San Carlos, Arizona, pleaded guilty today to Possession of Methamphetamine With Intent to Distribute, in federal district court in Phoenix.

In the course of her guilty plea, Burdette admitted that on February 1, 2007, she possessed five plastic baggies containing methamphetamine at her San Carlos residence and then sold them for \$100.00. She also admitted that she had possessed and sold at her residence two plastic baggies containing methamphetamine for \$40.00 on September 5, 2007, and four plastic baggies containing methamphetamine for \$80.00 on September 21, 2007. Finally, she admitted that on January 23, 2008, paraphernalia for the use and trafficking of controlled substances, along with \$667.00 of proceeds from the illegal drug sales, were seized from her residence.

Sentencing is set before Judge Earl H. Carroll on Monday, November 24, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.

A conviction for Possession of Methamphetamine With Intent to Distribute carries a maximum penalty of 20 years, a \$1,000,000.00 fine or both. In determining an actual sentence, Judge Carroll will consult the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges. The judge, however, is not bound by those guidelines in determining a sentence.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Law Enforcement Services; San Carlos Apache Tribal Police Department and Arizona Department of Public Safety. The prosecution is being handled by Frederick A. Battista, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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