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WESTERN INDIANA METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that BRIAN S. SMITH, 37, Terre Haute, Indiana, was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute

On January 25, 2007, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Clay County Sheriff's Department conducted a controlled purchase of methamphetamine from SMITH at the Howard Johnson's hotel in Brazil, Indiana. When SMITH arrived at the parking lot to complete the methamphetamine transaction, law enforcement took him into custody and searched his vehicle. Law enforcement seized 197.9 grams of methamphetamine from SMITH's vehicle. Later that evening, law enforcement located a white Ford Expedition that SMITH had parked near the intersection of Hulman Street and South Fourth Street in Terre Haute. Law enforcement searched that vehicle and found 441.7 grams of methamphetamine inside.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 5 years of supervised release following SMITH's release from imprisonment. SMITH will be subjected to random urinalysis and random searches of his person, vehicle, and residence during the period of supervised release.

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