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## **TWO MEN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR MANUFACTURING METHAMPHETAMINE**

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced today that two individuals were sentenced in federal court by U.S. District Judge William M. Conley for their involvement in methamphetamine cooking operations in central Wisconsin in 2009.

Jake Barttelt, 30, Wausau, Wis., was sentenced yesterday to 5 ½ years in prison for manufacturing methamphetamine in August 2009. Shawn Ably, 30, Two Rivers, Wis., was sentenced on October 18, 2010 to six years in prison for conspiring with Barttelt and others to possess pseudoephedrine with intent to manufacture methamphetamine from January 2008 through August 2009.

Federal sentences are served without the possibility of parole. Barttelt pleaded guilty on August 11, 2010 and Ably pleaded guilty on August 13, 2009.

Ably and Barttelt admitted that they had been involved with others in obtaining ingredients, such as pseudoephedrine pills and anhydrous ammonia, for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine in Lincoln and Marathon Counties during 2009.

Another person involved in this activity, Daniel Bohman, 32, Irma, Wis., pleaded guilty in August 2010 to manufacturing methamphetamine with Barttelt in 2009, and is scheduled for sentencing before Judge Conley on November 3, 2010.

The successful prosecution of Jake Barttelt, Shawn Ably and Daniel Bohman was the result of an extensive and ongoing investigation conducted by the Merrill Police Department, Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, and Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation.

To date, the cooperative local, state and federal investigation has resulted in the federal conviction of six persons involved in four separate methamphetamine cooking operations during 2009. Other defendants include Paul Rasmussen, 29, Merrill, Wis., who was sentenced to five years in prison, Chuck Groff, 38, Merrill, who was sentenced

to 12 years, and Joshua Graham, 32, Wausau, who is scheduled for sentencing on November 2, 2010.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson is handling the prosecution of these cases.

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