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**FORT ATKINSON MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON
ON METHAMPHETAMINE CHARGE**

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Joseph Smith, 28, Fort Atkinson, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to eight years in prison, without the possibility of parole, for conspiring to possess pseudoephedrine with intent to manufacture methamphetamine. Smith pleaded guilty to this charge on August 24, 2010.

Smith and others, including Alyssa Klein and Jason Zimdars, purchased pseudoephedrine in the Fort Atkinson area from September through December 2009 and provided it to Tony Jackson, who manufactured methamphetamine. Smith also helped Jackson manufacture the methamphetamine and dispose of the waste.

Jackson was sentenced on August 2, 2010, to 12 years in prison. On September 24, 2010, Klein was sentenced to six years in prison. Zimdars' sentencing hearing is scheduled for January 20, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

The charge against Smith and the others was the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; Jefferson County Drug Task Force; and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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