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Husband and Wife Oxycodone Distributors on Lac du Flambeau Tribal Lands  
Sentenced to Federal Prison

Madison, Wis. - John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Andrew Meshigaud, 28, and Charlie Sunn Meshigaud, 25, husband and wife from Lac du Flambeau, Wis., were sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb for conspiring to possess with intent to distribute Oxycodone and distributing Oxycodone. They both pleaded guilty to this charge on June 18, 2014.

Judge Crabb sentenced Andrew Meshigaud to 151 months in prison, followed by a three-year term of supervised release. Charlie Meshigaud was sentenced to 60 months in prison, followed by a three-year term of supervised release. Andrew's sentence was greater because he has two prior felony convictions for substantial battery, which classified him as a career offender. Andrew also started distributing oxycodone almost immediately following his release from state prison in February 2013. Charlie does not have any prior felony convictions.

From January 2013 to June 2013, the Meshigauds made numerous trips to Milwaukee to purchase several thousand 30 mg pills of Oxycodone. They, and others at their request, wired over \$50,000 to the source in Milwaukee during that time period. The Meshigauds, and others, then transported the Oxycodone back to Lac du Flambeau where it was distributed for profit.

The Meshigauds are the fourth and fifth defendants from Lac du Flambeau to be sentenced for Oxycodone distribution.

On May 30, 2014, Brandon Vetterneck was sentenced to 40 months in prison.

On June 10, 2014, Lois Vetterneck to a one-year term of probation.

On July 15, 2014, Derek Armstrong was sentenced to 24 months in prison.

The charge against the Meshigauds was the result of an investigation conducted by the

Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; the Lac du Flambeau Police Department; and the Vilas and Oneida County Sheriffs' Departments. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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