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OXYCODONE DISTRIBUTOR 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 Derek Armstrong, 28, Lac du Flambeau, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to two years in prison, followed by a three-year term of supervised release, for distributing Oxycodone. Armstrong pleaded guilty to this charge on April 16, 2014.

In June 2013, law enforcement officers conducted a controlled buy of Oxycodone from Armstrong. During the course of the investigation, it was also discovered that Armstrong wired money to an Oxycodone source in Milwaukee, and he was arrested while in possession of \$5,400 in drug proceeds.

Armstrong is the third defendant 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 was sentenced to a one-year term of probation.

Charlie Sunn Meshigaud and Andrew Meshigaud have also pleaded guilty to distributing Oxycodone in Lac du Flambeau. Their sentencing hearings are scheduled for August 22, 2104.

The charge against Armstrong and the charges against the Vetternecks and Meshigauds were 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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