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TWO SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE IN SUPERIOR AREA

MADISON, WIS. -- John W. Vaudreuil, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Brady Holmes, 48, and Robyn Reed, 50, both of Glendale, Ariz., were sentenced yesterday by Chief U.S. District Judge William Conley for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Holmes was sentenced to 12 years and Reed was sentenced to 11 years in federal prison. Both were sentenced to five years of supervised release to follow their prison sentences. Holmes and Reed pleaded guilty to this charge on September 17, 2014.

Using Facebook, Jill Welsh and Reed arranged a delivery of methamphetamine. On March 6, 2014, agents followed Welsh to Kansas. Once there, they arrested Welsh and Brady Holmes. Holmes' car was searched and officers located five pounds of methamphetamine in a PVC tube. It was determined that Welsh intended to bring the methamphetamine to the Superior, Wis. area to sell. A package containing two pounds of methamphetamine that was intended for Welsh was also seized in late 2013. The seven pounds of methamphetamine seized from Welsh and Holmes was almost 100% pure.

On November 14, 2014, Welsh was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison. The government also forfeited more than \$58,000 in drug proceeds found in a safe in Welsh's home and two properties in Douglas County that Welsh used to facilitate her drug trafficking in Superior.

The charge against Welsh, Reed, and Holmes was the result of an investigation conducted by the Superior Police Department; Douglas County Sheriff's Office; Duluth Police Department; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Drug Enforcement Administration; U.S. Postal Service; Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; Mulvane (Kansas) Police Department; and the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.

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