

Drug Suspects Receive Federal Sentences

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On Tuesday January 8th, 2013, Tim Miller, 47, of 8210 US Hwy 321 North Sugar Grove, NC, Sara Farthing, 30, of Smith Henson road, Sugar Grove NC, and James Trivette, 47, of 8210 US Hwy 321 North Sugar Grove, NC pled guilty and were sentenced to the Federal Bureau of Prisons for Conspiracy to Manufacture Methamphetamine.

Also on Thursday January 10, 2013, Tommy Ward, 52, of 138 Northside Dr. Sugar Grove, NC and Brandy Church, 29, 1168 S. Shady St. Mtn. City, TN pled guilty and were sentenced to the Federal Bureau of Prisons for Conspiracy to Manufacture Methamphetamine.

Miller received 78 months, Farthing received 58 months and Trivette received 42 months for their part in the conspiracy. Ward, the leader of the Drug Trafficking Organization, received 151 months and Church received 70 months for their parts in the conspiracy. These individuals were responsible for the manufacture of more than two kilograms of methamphetamine over a 10 year period.

In 2008 Agents with Watauga County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Unit began an investigation into a large scale methamphetamine manufacturing organization operating in NC and TN. The United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) became involved in the investigation and in May 2012, 11 people from Tennessee and North Carolina were indicted in the Eastern District of Tennessee.