



Eight People Indicted and Arrested in Marshall County on an Alleged Meth Conspiracy

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on February 13, 2012 released the following:

“BIRMINGHAM— Eight people have been arrested in Marshall County on illegal methamphetamine distribution charges resulting from a federal indictment returned in December, announced U.S. Attorney Joyce White Vance and FBI Special Agent in Charge Patrick J. Maley.

The indictment, unsealed following the arrests of several defendants last week, charges DON MITCHELL WILBORN, JOHN CALTON ELLER, CHRISTOPHER DAVID ALLEN, KRISTIE GRETCHEN GAUNTT, ANGELA NICOLE OTINGER, JEFFREY WAYNE BAUGH, EFREN RAMIREZ CALDERON, and CARLOS TABERA GONZALEZ with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine; distribution and possession of methamphetamine; and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

WILBORN, 38, ALLEN, 38, OTINGER, 41, BAUGH, 42, and GONZALEZ, 37, all of Albertville; ELLER, 42, and CALDERON, 34, both of Boaz; and GAUNTT, 36, of Guntersville, face 11 counts in the indictment.

Count one charges that Wilborn, Eller, Allen Gauntt, Otinger, Baugh, Calderon, **Health Care Fraud Prevention and Enforcement Efforts Result in Record-breaking Recoveries Totaling Nearly \$4.1 Billion**

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Attorney General Eric Holder and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today released a new report showing that the government's health care fraud prevention and enforcement efforts recovered nearly \$4.1 billion in taxpayer dollars in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011.

and Gonzalez conspired together to distribute methamphetamine. Counts two, four through seven, and nine charge the following individuals with distribution of methamphetamine: Eller, Allen and Calderon (count two); Wilborn (counts four, five, and eight); Wilborn and Gauntt (counts six and seven). Charges for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine are pending against: Baugh (count three); Gonzalez (count nine); Gonzalez and Calderon (count 10). Gonzalez and Calderon are also charged with possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime (count 11). Calderon and Gonzalez are separately charged with being illegal aliens in possession of a firearm (counts 12 and 13).

These charges carry a range of prison time up to life and a \$10 million fine. Some of the charges also carry mandatory minimum sentences of five and 10 years.

“Methamphetamine is a plague on the Northern District of Alabama. The detrimental effects of this drug are far reaching, even beyond those who use it and sell it. It affects their families and the community at large. The United States will work diligently to prosecute those who engage in this illegal narcotics business,” Vance said.

Special agents of the FBI, Albertville Police Department, and FBI North Alabama Safe Streets Task Force, including Marshall County Sheriff's Office and Drug Enforcement Unit, and **Attorney General Eric Holder Speaks at Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program Report Press Conference**

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“In the fight against health-care fraud, our Departments have a long history of working collaboratively – and effectively. The “Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program Annual Report” that we are submitting to Congress today underscores this fact,” said Attorney General Holder.

the Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit investigated this case. Guntersville Police Department assisted in making arrests in the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura D. Hodge is prosecuting the case.

Members of the public are reminded that the indictment contains only charges. A defendant is presumed innocent of the charges and it will be the government's burden to prove a defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt at trial.”

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