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## NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Drug Traffickers Found Guilty in Federal Trial

**\*\*UPDATE\*\* - On Thursday, February 1, 2024, Courtland Reed was federally sentenced to 25 years in Federal prison.**

**\*\*UPDATE\*\* - On Thursday, September 21, 2023, The United States District Court for the Western District of Kentucky returned a guilty verdict on two males for the following:**

- Cedric Swanagan (37 Years old of Owensboro, Kentucky) – Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine and Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine.
- Courtland Reed (32 Years old of Owensboro, Kentucky) – Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine and Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine.

Swanagan faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years to life in prison while Reed faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years to life in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for January 25, 2024.

On Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 significant arrests were made as the result of an ongoing and long-term drug investigation with multi-jurisdictional cooperation.

Local Detectives from the Owensboro Police Department were assisted by agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and the Owensboro-Daviess County High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force (HIDTA). Detectives from the Kentucky State Police, Daviess County Sheriff's Office, and the McLean County Sheriff's Office also assisted during portions of

this investigation.

The long-term investigation resulted in the execution of 8 search warrants at locations throughout the Daviess County Area. Additionally, 11 subjects were arrested on Federal Indictments and 3 subjects are being held on State drug-related charges.

The United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Kentucky will be handling all federal charges related to this investigation. Additional charges and arrests are expected as this investigation continues.