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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

****UPDATE** - On Thursday, February 8, 2024, Chance Morton was federally sentenced to 19 years in Federal prison.**

****UPDATE** - On Wednesday, June 14, 2023, The United States District Court Western District of Kentucky returned additional indictments for the following individuals. The added charges stem directly from information and evidence obtained during the investigation. The following 10 individuals were indicted on a total of 22 charges.**

- Chance Morton (34 Years old from Owensboro, Kentucky) – Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Distribution of Methamphetamine, Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances.
- Nicholas Stalling (38 Years old from Forest Park, Georgia) – Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine.
- George James (52 Years old from Hawesville, Kentucky) – Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Distribution of Methamphetamine, Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance.
- Desmond Morton (38 Years old from Owensboro, Kentucky) – Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Distribute of Methamphetamine, Possession with Intent to Distribute Controlled Substances.
- Morgan Anderson (36 Years old from Owensboro, Kentucky) – Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person.
- William Simmons (49 Years old from Owensboro, Kentucky) – Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine.
- Johnny Albury (55 Years old from Owensboro, Kentucky) – Conspiracy

to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person, Possession with Intent to Distribute Fentanyl.

- Charles Hudson (44 Years old from Vero Beach, Florida) – Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Distribution of Methamphetamine.
- Ellis Parker (64 Years old from Owensboro Kentucky) – Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine, Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine.
- Willie Mosley (55 Years Old from Hagerstown, Maryland) – Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine.

Operation Short Circuit

On February 22, 2023, The Owensboro Police Department in conjunction with numerous agencies, including the Drug Enforcement Administration, Homeland Security Investigations, Kentucky State Police Western Kentucky Interdiction Team, and United States Postal Service Postal Inspection executed multiple arrest and search warrants related to a months-long Drug Investigation.

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Operation Short Circuit spanned multiple states and resulted in 10 individuals being Federally Indicted. There were 6 search warrants executed in Owensboro along with 2 in Florida. The operation resulted in the seizure of several pounds of methamphetamine, fentanyl, cocaine, marijuana, and multiple firearms.

The following 10 individuals were charged with Conspiracy to Possess with the Intent to Distribute over 500 grams of Methamphetamine

- Chance Morton (34 Years old from Owensboro, Kentucky)
- Nicholas Stallings (38 Years old from Forest Park, Georgia)
- George James (52 Years old from Hawesville, Kentucky)
- Desmond Morton (38 Years old from Owensboro, Kentucky)
- Morgan Anderson (36 Years old from Owensboro, Kentucky)
- William Simmons (49 Years old from Owensboro, Kentucky)
- Johnny Albury (55 Years old from Owensboro, Kentucky)
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