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**PRESS RELEASE**

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced today that Steven John Casker, Jr., has been sentenced to 15 years prison on the charges of Trafficking in Methamphetamine (over 200 Grams) and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon.

The charges arose from an incident which occurred on November 6, 2012, in Crestview, Florida. Officers with the U.S. Marshall's Violent Fugitive Task Force went to Casker's residence to serve an arrest warrant on Casker. Officers noticed an odor indicative of the production of methamphetamine. Upon entry to the residence, Casker was found in the process of manufacturing methamphetamine at a table with an active methamphetamine lab. A loaded firearm was on the table at the time.

The sentence imposed is a minimum mandatory sentence which includes a \$250,000 fine. The sentence was imposed by Circuit Judge Michael Flowers..

The case was investigated by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Laresa Dudley.