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PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced today that Michael Anthony Chessher has been sentenced to 7 years prison on the charge of Trafficking in Methamphetamine over 28 grams but less than 200 grams and 5 years prison on Driving While License Suspended Pursuant to Habitual Traffic Offender.

The charges arose from an incident which occurred on July 26, 2014 in the Crestview area. A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle driven by the defendant and he was arrested for driving with a suspended license. During an inventory search of the vehicle items used to make methamphetamine and a bottle of liquid were found. The liquid contained pseudoephedrine a precursor for making methamphetamine. Chessher admitted to law enforcement that he was in the beginning stages of making methamphetamine and that the items in the truck belonged to him.

Chessher was sentenced to a minimum mandatory sentence of 7 years in prison and will have to serve each day of that sentence. Chessher will not be eligible for parole.

The sentence was imposed by Circuit Judge Michael Flowers. Assistant State Attorney Laresa Dudley was responsible for the prosecution. The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office was responsible for the investigation and arrest.

Any questions may be directed to Assistant State Attorney Laresa Dudley at (850) 689-5620.