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## PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced today that Thomas Anthony Bonifay of Baker, Florida has been sentenced to 15 years state prison after he pled to the charge of Trafficking in Methamphetamine (over 200 grams).

The charges are the result of a traffic stop on May 22, 2014 in Milligan by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office for an improper vehicle tag. During a search of the vehicle, a bottle was located which contained approximately 560 grams of methamphetamine oil. Bonifay admitted to the drugs and admitted that he was involved in the production of methamphetamine.

The sentence requires that Bonifay serve the entire 15 year sentence with no early release. A mandatory fine of \$250,000 was also imposed as a condition of the sentence.

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

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