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EDGAR COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON ON METH -RELATED CHARGES

Chicago – Attorney General Lisa Madigan announced that an Edgar County judge has sentenced an admitted meth maker to three years in prison for charges related to the manufacture of the deadly drug.

Edgar County Circuit Court Judge H. Dean Andrews yesterday sentenced Richard D. Smiley, 36, of Paris, to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). Smiley also received four years probation to begin after he is released from prison. Smiley pleaded guilty in late April to one count of Possession of Anhydrous Ammonia with the Intent to Manufacture Methamphetamine, a Class 1 felony, and one count of Possession of Methamphetamine Manufacturing Materials, a Class 2 felony.

The charges stem from two arrests in January and February of this year. In January, the state's Meth Response Team and Edgar County Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at Smiley's residence and found numerous items used in the production of methamphetamine. In early February, Smiley again was found to be in possession of materials used in the manufacture of methamphetamine at his home. Following the second arrest, Smiley admitted to the police to being involved with several people who were manufacturing methamphetamine.

Assistant Attorney General Matthew Hoppock of Madigan's Statewide Grand Jury Bureau assisted the Edgar County State's Attorney's office in the prosecution of the case.

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