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**WILLIAMSON COUNTY WOMAN SENTENCED FOR VIOLATING
PROBATION**

***CONVICTED IN 2002 OF MANUFACTURING METH IN YOUNGSTER'S
BEDROOM***

Chicago – Attorney General Lisa Madigan today said a Johnston City woman has been sentenced to five years in prison after pleading guilty to violating probation imposed as a result of her 2002 conviction on a methamphetamine charge in which she and her boyfriend used her then five-year old son's bedroom to make the illicit drug.

Judge Ronald Eckiss ordered Danielle Perruquet, 26, held at the Williamson County Jail pending her transfer to the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). During a July hearing, Perruquet admitted to continued marijuana and cocaine use while on probation for her April 2002 conviction for Manufacturing of Methamphetamine.

Madigan said tests conducted last February and March confirmed Perruquet's use of illegal drugs and that she had violated the terms of her probation on at least two occasions since her conviction. The court ordered her to undergo treatment in June 2004 after she tested positive for the drug THC.

Although law enforcement authorities said Perruquet's son was not present when they raided the Johnston City residence she shared with her boyfriend, meth-related chemicals throughout the house made it evident that the child had been living there during their meth-cooking activities.

In 2003, Madigan proposed and helped secure passage of legislation that toughens penalties for producers and abusers of methamphetamine who make or use the drug in a way that endangers children. Perruquet's case, however, pre-dated the effective date of that legislation.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Richard Rybak prosecuted the case and handled today's sentencing on behalf of Madigan's office.

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