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Maddie Methamphetamine Conviction

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – July 10, 2017, Bobbye Sue Maddie of Cookeville, TN pled guilty to seven counts of selling methamphetamine, a Schedule II stimulant. Maddie pled before Putnam County Criminal Court Judge Gary McKenzie, and received two 15-year sentences and five, 9-year sentences to be served concurrent. These specific types of methamphetamine investigations require an extensive investment of physical work, time, resources, and dedication. The Putnam County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division and the District Attorney's Office have worked very hard on this case and are pleased with the results.

“This is an example of perseverance paying off. It is this tireless dedication and teamwork mindset that make our Narcotics Division (and our Sheriff's Office) successful,” says Sheriff Eddie Farris. “We are committed to working together to protect our county. We are actively seeking out those who produce and distribute illegal drugs. The work being completed by the Narcotics Division is not simply beneficial to the health and well-being of the county, it is essential.”

According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, methamphetamine use has leveled off, but we still have around 800 meth labs in Tennessee in operation at any given time. Methamphetamine is frequently abused due to its inexpensive production costs and highly addictive nature. It only takes one “hit” to become addicted because meth creates an initial rush of dopamine, the ‘feel good’ neurotransmitter that regulates pleasure in the brain. Tragically, meth also damages dopamine receptors in the brain causing the user difficulty in feeling the same amount of pleasure ever again.

The Narcotics Division will remain vigilant in the pursuit and prosecution of drug dealers in Putnam County. Anyone with information about illegal drug activity should call the Putnam County Sheriff's Office at 931-528-8484 or the Drug Tip Hotline at 931-525-METH (6384).

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