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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Re: Arthur Jones Pleads Guilty to Sales and Transportation of Methamphetamine

Date: February 8, 2012

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Arthur Jones, 57, of Hoopa, pleaded guilty yesterday to violations of Health and Safety Code sections 11378 and 11379, sales and transportation of methamphetamine. He also agreed to forfeit the sum of \$100,000 USD pursuant to the agreed upon disposition.

On September 7, 2011, agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force (DTF) stopped Arthur Jones, 57, of Hoopa, for a suspected Vehicle Code violation. During the stop, Jones acknowledged that there was legally possessed marijuana in the car, but denied the agent's request to search the vehicle. After a DTF K-9 (specially trained police dog) alerted to the presence of drugs, DTF agents conducted a probable cause search and discovered approximately 2 lbs of processed marijuana, ½ ounce of methamphetamine, and \$2,100 USD. DTF Agents also searched Jones' residence pursuant to a search warrant and discovered an additional five pounds of processed marijuana, five ounces of methamphetamine, drug-related packaging materials, and \$41,000 USD. Subsequent to Jones' arrest and the search of his residence, bank accounts containing the sum of \$151,000 were also seized.

Jones is scheduled to be sentenced by the Honorable Christopher Wilson on March 8, 2012 and faces up to four years, eight months in custody. Under California's new sentencing laws, drug possession for purposes of sales is no longer eligible for a state prison commitment and Jones, if incarcerated, will be remanded to the Humboldt County jail.

"Methamphetamine is one of the most insidious drugs affecting our communities and I am pleased Mr. Jones took responsibility in this matter. Hoopa Valley residents will also be pleased that an elusive but well known drug dealer has been held accountable for his crimes," noted prosecuting Deputy District Attorney Ben McLaughlin.