

Acting U.S. Attorney Anderson: Menomonie man sentenced to 15 years for distributing methamphetamine

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MADISON, WIS. — Jeffrey M. Anderson, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Pheng Vang, 32, Menomonie, Wis., was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge William Conley to 15 years in federal prison for distributing methamphetamine. This prison term will be followed by five years of supervised release. Veng pleaded guilty to this charge on November 14, 2016.

Vang was held responsible for selling at least 4.5 kilograms of pure methamphetamine during the course of his criminal activities. His sentence was enhanced because officers found guns at the farm in Colfax where much of the methamphetamine activity took place. In addition to this conviction, the defendant has an extensive criminal history, consisting of drug and alcohol offenses, property crimes, and crimes of violence.

In sentencing Vang, Judge Conley was troubled that Vang exploited drug addicted individuals in a callous way. It also appeared to Judge Conley that the defendant was more interested in earning easy money than earning legitimate money.

The charge against Vang was the result of an investigation conducted by the

Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation; West Central Drug Task Force; Dunn, Eau Claire, Chippewa, and St. Croix County Sheriffs' Offices; Menomonie and Eau Claire Police Departments; and La Crosse County Emergency Response Team. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth Altman.