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**Indiana Resident Sentenced to 13 Years of Imprisonment for Methamphetamine Distribution and Firearm Possession**

United States Attorney Richard G. Frohling of the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced that on January 13, 2022, Dylan D. Cole (age: 22), of Anderson, Indiana, was sentenced for possessing with the intent to distribute over 50 grams of methamphetamine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a) and (b)(1)(B), and for possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i).

According to court documents, in September of 2021 the Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group (LWAM) began investigating Cole for suspected distribution of methamphetamine. The investigation revealed that Cole was transporting methamphetamine from Indiana to the Fox Valley area. Investigators arranged for undercover purchases totaling over nine pounds of methamphetamine from Cole. During these transactions, Cole was armed with a semi-automatic handgun.

In pronouncing sentence, Senior U.S. District Judge William C. Griesbach noted the serious nature of Cole's offense and the need to send a strong message of deterrence to Cole and anyone else who might attempt to distribute drugs in Northeast Wisconsin. The judge ordered Cole's incarceration in federal prison for a term of 13 years to be followed by five years of supervised release. He was also ordered to forfeit \$16,763 in illegal proceeds.

The case was investigated by LWAM. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Alexander Duros.

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