

An Ohio woman and two men from California were indicted by a federal grand jury in Louisville this week on charges of conspiring to knowingly and intentionally possessing with the intent to distribute fifty grams or more of methamphetamine, announced David J. Hale, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky.

Brenda Buenrostro, age 21, of Fairborn, Ohio, Ricardo Morales, age 27, of Los Angeles, California, and Luis Villa, age 29, of Milpitas, California were charged in a two count indictment. Because of the interstate nature of the crime and the large quantity of methamphetamine seized, the case was referred for federal prosecution.

According to a Metro Louisville Police Department arrest report, on March 27, 2014, police initiated an investigation after observing suspicious activity by the defendants. The investigation led to the search of the defendants' room at the Economy Inn located at 3304 Bardstown Road, and resulted in the seizure of approximately seven pounds of methamphetamine, with an estimated street value of \$210,000, along with various items of drug paraphernalia.

If convicted, the defendants face a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years in prison, a maximum sentence of life in prison, a fine of \$10,000,000 and a term of supervised release of at least five years upon release from prison.