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(Escambia County, Florida) On March 10, 2023, Circuit Court Judge Linda Nobles sentenced Jack Albert Hofer to fifteen years in Florida's Department of Corrections for Methamphetamine (more than 14 grams but less than 28 grams). Consistent with Florida drug trafficking statutes, Hofer will serve three years of his fifteen-year sentence day-for-day and must also pay \$50,000 in mandatory fines.

On the morning of December 21, 2021, the defendant was apprehended attempting to sell an ounce of Methamphetamine to what he believed to be a genuine purchaser. Unknown to the defendant, he was actually communicating with Narcotics Detectives with the Pensacola Police Department.

On January 5, 2023, an Escambia County jury found Hofer guilty as charged.

At the sentencing hearing, prosecuting attorney, Christopher Patterson argued, "Methamphetamine destroys communities through crime, disease, and addiction. Those who traffic in these drugs must be prosecuted vigorously."

The arrest and investigation were conducted by the Pensacola Police Department. Assistant State Attorney Christopher Patterson prosecuted the case on behalf of Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. For more information, please contact Mr. Patterson at (850) 595-4200.