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Man Sentenced in Forgery Scheme Involving Meth Addicts

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) - A St. Joseph man has been sentenced to a total of 13 years in prison for running a scheme that involved persuading methamphetamine addicts to cash forged checks.

Thirty-eight-year-old Daniel Hatstat was sentenced Thursday after pleading guilty to two counts of forgery.

Prosecutors said Hatstat had a rolling meth laboratory in his car. He would drive two different motels in the area and cook batches of methamphetamine. He also used a computer to print fake payroll checks. He recruited 10 meth users to cash the checks and give him the money in exchange for the drug.

The St. Joseph News-Press reports the prosecutor also asked the court to require Hatstat to pay nearly \$14,000 in restitution after he is paroled.

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