

Meth purchased from street gang leads to prison

**(KAIR)--An Atchison man will serve 9-years in federal prison for trafficking in methamphetamine that authorities say was purchased from a Chicago-based street gang.**

**That word came Monday in a news release issued by the office of U.S. Attorney Stephen McAllister.**

**30-year-old Earnest Preston Crawford III was sentenced after pleading guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.**

**In his plea, Crawford admitted that investigators arranged to make a series of controlled buys from Crawford at his Atchison residence, located in the 600 block of North 10th Street.**

**The release states that investigators learned that Crawford was getting his meth supply from members of the [Satan's Disciples](#) street gang, purchasing pounds at a time for \$6,000 to \$10,000.**

**McCallister, in the release, commended the Atchison Police Department for the role they played in the case, as well as the KBI, and the DEA.**

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