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Re: Trial Began June 16, 2025; Defendant sentenced on June 17, 2025

DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 70 YEARS IN PRISON

BURNET COUNTY, TX – On Tuesday, June 17, 2025, Judge Evan Stubbs of the 424th District Court sentenced 58-year-old Chandler Rodgers of Burnet County to 70 years in prison. The sentence followed the recommendation of a jury, after Rodgers pleaded guilty to Manufacture/Delivery of a Controlled Substance in an amount greater than 400 grams. The case was prosecuted by the 33rd & 424th District Attorney's Office under District Attorney Perry Thomas.

Rodgers was arrested with over 900 grams of methamphetamine in his vehicle on October 24, 2024, during a traffic stop conducted by the Burnet County Sheriff's Department just outside Marble Falls, Texas. The arrest resulted from information gathered in a joint investigation involving the Burnet County Sheriff's Department, Marble Falls Police Department, and Llano County Sheriff's Department. Rodgers admitted he intended to sell the drugs.

At trial, Rodgers pleaded guilty to the charge. The jury then heard evidence showing that, on the same day as Rodgers's initial arrest, the Marble Falls Police Department executed a search warrant on his residence and discovered more than 400 grams of methamphetamine and several firearms. The jury further heard that, just eleven days after bonding out on the original charges, Rodgers was stopped again—this time by the Marble Falls Police Department. Officers found another 400 grams of methamphetamine in his vehicle.

Assistant District Attorneys Michael Walker and Kelly Bazie prosecuted the case for the District Attorney's Office. Walker praised the verdict, saying, "We are grateful for the sentence, the work of our law enforcement officers, and for the work of the members of the jury who delivered justice in this case." Bazie added, "The jury reached the right verdict, and justice prevailed."

District Attorney Perry Thomas also praised local law enforcement, stating, "I am grateful for the joint efforts of the Burnet County Sheriff's Department, Marble Falls Police Department and the Llano County Sheriff's Department in their work to stop drug dealers in the Texas Hill Country." He continued, "People who deal drugs will not be tolerated in our counties, and this jury's punishment shows that."