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**RE:** Hoover Sentenced to 30 Years Prison for Manufacture of  
Methamphetamine and Arsenal of Weapons

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Jamie Cash Hoover, DOB; 04-04-73, of Lakewood, was sentenced today to 30 years in prison for operating a methamphetamine lab with an arsenal of weapons at the house he rented at 1125 Urban Street. There were 17 weapons including an illegal, fully automatic machine gun, nine semi-automatic assault rifles, an Uzi, Glockes, Rugers and other weapons. Cash had a significant amount of ammunition, including banana clips for the semi-automatic weapons that were taped together, head to toe, for ease of changing the clip. In his house were two bullet proof vests that he told investigators were to protect him from the police. He drove a Crown Victoria, formerly an Aurora Police car, with a false faceplate in the dash. The radio had been removed and Hoover used this area to stored guns and weapons.

Hoover was arrested at house by the West Metro Drug Task Force on November 26, 2002. Police found live video monitors set to the various approaches to the house. They had received information that drugs were being sold out of the house and believed weapons to be involved, but had not expected such a sizeable arsenal.

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Prosecutor George Brauchler commended the West Metro Drug Task Force for bringing this threat to the community to a halt. Hoover admitted using and selling drugs and that he possessed the weapons and knew they were illegal. He further admitted to purchasing many of these weapons, and others, illegally, through “straw purchases”, where someone’s name other than the purchaser’s is used because the purchaser cannot pass the CBI background check.

Hoover pled guilty to manufacturing a schedule II controlled substance and one special offender count (a sentence enhancer as a result of having even one weapon while in possession of schedule II controlled substance) on September 3, 2003.

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