

## **2 Former Bondsmen Given Federal Prison Terms**

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Two former Chattanooga bondsmen were among four members of a local meth ring given federal prison sentences on Thursday afternoon.

Judge Curtis Collier sentenced Jamie Mikel to serve 60 months and Clarence Brogden to 57 months.

Alexis Rosser got a 77-month sentence and James Smith 98 months.

The defendants have been in custody since December 2010 and will get credit for time served.

Authorities said the meth operation dated back to July 2006.

Brogden apologized to his family, saying, "This is a powerful drug. I'm very sorry."

He said at the time of his arrest "I was almost dead. My immune system was shutting down."

Mikel told his parents and brother, "I'm going to turn this into a positive. I'm going to college and be a strong speaker for the Lord. I want to talk to young people to try to get them off drugs."

Rosser's term is concurrent to a 15-year sentence for drugs he is serving in Georgia. That sentence is for three years active time and 12 years on probation. His attorney said Rosser was once a delight to his family, but he completely changed when he got on meth.

The attorney for Smith, 34, said he started using meth when he was offered it by an adult he was playing pool with when he was 14. He said Smith does not do any other kind of drugs - just meth.

Judge Collier told the defendants when they get out of prison they will have to renew their fight against meth "24 hours a day/seven days a week for the rest of your life."

He said, "Meth only has to win one time."

In another case, 64-year-old James Landolt got a 10-year sentence.

Prosecutor Jay Wood said Landolt allowed a group of criminals "to do bad things" at his remote cabin on a mountain in Marion County.

Landolt, who had to sit in a chair for the hearing due to his poor health, had an extensive record in his early life, but had faced few charges since 1985 until the federal arrest.

He said, "When I let a nephew who was criminally insane live with me, my whole world collapsed." He said he left Florida "to get away from all that mess."