

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
MISSOULA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. ARTHUR RAY PEOPLES and JOSEPH FREDERICK PLOYHAR, Defendants.	CR 26-08-M-WWM VERDICT
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1. We, the Jury, in the above-entitled matter, unanimously find the defendant, **ARTHUR RAY PEOPLES**:

☐ Not Guilty

☒ Guilty

of the offense of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, as charged in Count 1 of the superseding indictment.

If you find the Defendant not guilty as to Count 1, do not answer Question 1a. Proceed to Question 2. If you find the defendant guilty as to Count 1, proceed to Question 1a below.

1a. We, the Jury, having found the defendant guilty of the charge in Count 1 of the superseding indictment, further unanimously find that the amount of

methamphetamine within the scope of the conspiracy the defendant joined was

(check only one):

☒ 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine;

☐ At least 50 grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine; or

☐ Less than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine.

2. We, the Jury, in the above-entitled matter, unanimously find the defendant, **ARTHUR RAY PEOPLES**:

☐ Not Guilty

☒ Guilty

of the offense of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, as charged in Count 2 of the superseding indictment.

If you find the defendant not guilty as to Count 2, do not answer Question 2a; proceed to Question 3. If you find the defendant guilty as to Count 2, proceed to Question 2a below.

2a. We, the Jury, having found the defendant guilty of the charge in Count 2 of the superseding indictment, further unanimously find that the amount of methamphetamine the defendant intended to distribute, in the particular act of possession on which we unanimously agreed, was (check only one):

☒ 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine;

☐ At least 50 grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine; or

☐ Less than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine.

3. We, the Jury, in the above-entitled matter, unanimously find the defendant, **ARTHUR RAY PEOPLES:**

☐ Not Guilty

☒ Guilty

of the offense of distribution of methamphetamine, as charged in Count 4 of the superseding indictment.

If you find the defendant not guilty as to Count 4, do not answer Question 3a; proceed to Question 4. If you find the defendant guilty as to Count 4, proceed to Question 3a below.

3a. We, the Jury, having found the defendant guilty of the charge in Count 4 of the superseding indictment, further unanimously find that the distribution in Count 4 involved the following controlled substances in the amounts show:

☒ five grams or more actual methamphetamine;

☐ A substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine.

4. We, the Jury, in the above-entitled matter, unanimously find the defendant, **JOSEPH FREDERICK PLOYHAR**:

☐ Not Guilty
☒ Guilty

of the offense of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, as charged in Count 1 of the superseding indictment.

If you find the Defendant not guilty as to Count 1, do not answer Question 4a. Proceed to Question 5. If you find the defendant guilty as to Count 1, proceed to Question 4a below.

4a. We, the Jury, having found the defendant guilty of the charge in Count 1 of the superseding indictment, further unanimously find that the amount of methamphetamine within the scope of the conspiracy the defendant joined was (check only one):

- ☒ 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine;
- ☐ At least 50 grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine; or
- ☐ Less than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine.

5. We, the Jury, in the above-entitled matter, unanimously find the defendant, **JOSEPH FREDERICK PLOYHAR**:

☐ Not Guilty
☒ Guilty

of the offense of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, as charged in Count 2 of the superseding indictment.

If you find the defendant not guilty as to Count 2, do not answer Question 5a; proceed to the signature line. If you find the defendant guilty as to Count 2, proceed to Question 5a below.

5a. We, the Jury, having found the defendant guilty of the charge in Count 2 of the superseding indictment, further unanimously find that the amount of methamphetamine the defendant intended to distribute, in the particular act of possession on which we unanimously agreed, was (check only one):

☒ 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine;

☐ At least 50 grams of a substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine; or

☐ Less than 50 grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine.

Have your foreperson sign and date the Verdict and advise the bailiff that you are ready to return to the courtroom.

DATED this 22 day of October, 2026.

Foreperson signature redacted. Original
document filed under seal.

FOREPERSON