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## **COIN, IOWA MAN SENTENCED TO 319 MONTHS IN PRISON**

DES MOINES, IA - On November 22, 2011, Tiran Rodez Casteel, age 43, of Coin, Iowa, was sentenced to 235 months imprisonment for his involvement in the robbery, car jacking, obstruction of justice and witness tampering, and a consecutive 84 months imprisonment for brandishing a firearm during the car jacking. United States District Court Judge Robert W. Pratt also ordered Casteel to serve a five year term of supervised release following release from prison, and ordered a \$400 special assessment to be paid to the Crime Victim Fund. Restitution was ordered to remain open until the value of the stolen coins can be determined.

The case involved the September 11, 2008, robbery of Darlene Eitzen at her rural Page County, Iowa, farm home, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Mrs. Eitzen was held at gun point while Casteel and his son, Devan Casteel, robbed Mrs. Eitzen of her rare and valuable coin collection, which she had acquired after her husband's death.

Federal jurisdiction for the prosecution existed because Casteel had taken Mrs. Eitzen's car during the robbery, in violation of the federal carjacking statute. While awaiting trial on the federal charges Casteel attempted to have Mrs Eitzen killed so she could not testify at his trial. This resulted in addition charges being filed in federal court for obstruction of justice and witness tampering.

This case was investigated by the Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives Division of the United States Department of Justice (ATF), the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and the Page County, Iowa, Sheriffs Office, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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