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## **BETTENDORF MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES**

DAVENPORT, IA – On October 12, 2011, Thomas Elijah Hughes, age 36, of Bettendorf, Iowa, was sentenced to 60 months imprisonment after pleading guilty to conspiracy to distribute cocaine, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Chief United States District Judge Robert W. Pratt also sentenced Hughes to four years of supervised release following imprisonment.

Hughes admitted that from January 2010, to May 2010, he conspired with others to distribute at least 3.5 kilograms of cocaine. In furtherance of this conspiracy, Hughes obtained and distributed cocaine to others, including a distribution on May 9, 2010, of one-half kilogram of cocaine.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bettendorf, Iowa, Police Department, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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