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Pottawattamie County Resident Sentenced for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA - On May 24, 2012, Felipe Hernandez, age 30, a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was sentenced to 192 months imprisonment for conspiring to distribute methamphetamine, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Senior District Court Judge Ronald Longstaff also ordered Hernandez to serve a five year term of supervised release following incarceration.

On February 2, 2012, Hernandez entered a guilty plea to conspiring to distribute methamphetamine in the amount of 500 grams or more. During June and July of 2011, Omaha, Nebraska, Police Department, working the South West Iowa Narcotics Task Force, investigated a group of individuals for selling methamphetamine in the Omaha/Council Bluffs area. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Hernandez, and the seizure of three kilograms of methamphetamine, two loaded handguns, and cash.

The investigation was conducted by the Omaha, Nebraska, Police Department, the SWIN Task Force, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.