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## **COUNCIL BLUFFS MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG AND GUN CHARGES**

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA - On February 21, 2012, Gary Eldred Kremer, age 41, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was sentenced in United States District Court in Council Bluffs, upon his conviction for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and for possessing a sawed-off shotgun in furtherance of drug trafficking, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Court Judge John A. Jarvey sentenced Kremer to 120 months imprisonment on the methamphetamine conspiracy and 120 months imprisonment on the firearm charge. The charges are to be served consecutively, for a total sentence of 240 months imprisonment. Judge Jarvey also sentenced Kremer to 5 years of supervised release following imprisonment, plus a \$200.00 special assessment for the Crime Victims Fund. The Defendant was ordered to remain in the custody of the United States Marshal pending designation to a Federal Bureau of Prison facility at which he will serve his federal sentence.

Kremer pled guilty to the methamphetamine conspiracy and the sawed-off shotgun charge on September 8, 2011.

The case arose out of a search warrant executed at Kremer's residence in Council Bluffs, on January 18, 2011, by the SouthWest Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force (SWIN TF). At the time of the search, co-defendant Shannon Hardisty was also living at Kremer's residence. During the search, officers found indicia of drug trafficking and, in Kremer's bedroom, a loaded sawed-off shotgun. Much of the conspiracy's drug dealing occurred in Kremer's room at the residence. Further investigation by SWIN TF determined that the conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine was carried out in Council Bluffs from approximately the summer of 2010, to January 18, 2011, and involved an estimated 1.4 kilogram of mixture or substance containing methamphetamine.

Shannon Hardisty was previously sentenced to 170 months in prison for Hardisty's participation in the methamphetamine conspiracy.

This case was investigated by the SouthWest Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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