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Washington County Men Sentenced for Manufacturing Methamphetamine

DAVENPORT, IA – On October 17, 2012, Timothy Kukowski, age 58, and David Jay Butterbaugh, age 50, both of Washington, Iowa, were sentenced in federal court to substantial terms of imprisonment, having previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Chief United States District Judge James E. Gritzner sentenced Kukowski to 120 months in prison and sentenced Butterbaugh to 210 months in prison. After imprisonment, Kukowski will serve four years of supervised release and Butterbaugh will serve five years of supervised release. Both were also ordered to pay \$100 to the Crime Victims Fund.

Sometime around late 2011 or early 2012, Butterbaugh and Kukowski agreed together that they would manufacture methamphetamine using collections of large amounts of pseudoephedrine and other precursor chemicals. The methamphetamine was manufactured at Butterbaugh's residence in Washington, Iowa. Judge Gritzner found that the manufacture of methamphetamine in this case created a substantial risk of harm to human life and the environment, and the sentences imposed reflect that risk.

The case was investigated by the Washington-Louisa County Drug Task Force which includes the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, the Washington County Sheriff's Department, Washington, Iowa, Police Department, Louisa County Sheriff's Department, Columbus Junction, Iowa, Police Department, and the Des Moines County Sheriff's Department. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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