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Iowa City Man Sentenced for Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine

DAVENPORT, IA— On March 16, 2012, Antonio Nathaniel Martin, age 32, of Iowa City was sentenced to 145 months imprisonment for conspiracy to distribute cocaine base, also known as crack cocaine, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Judge John A. Jarvey also ordered Martin to serve 10 years of supervised release following his imprisonment and to pay \$100 to the Crime Victims Fund. On February 28, 2011, Martin entered a guilty plea in federal court to conspiring to distribute at least 280 grams of crack cocaine from July 2010, through November 4, 2010, and to possessing a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking.

Martin admitted to conspiring to distribute crack cocaine with Carl Johnson, Phillip Lewis, Antonio Murray, and Shelby Young. Previously, Phillip Lewis was sentenced to 108 months imprisonment, Antonio Murray to 90 months imprisonment, Shelby Young to 188 months imprisonment, and Carl Johnson to 140 months imprisonment. A law enforcement investigation from July 2010 to November 2010 resulted in five controlled purchases of crack cocaine from Martin. Martin admitted he was responsible for a least 280 grams of crack cocaine.

This case was investigated by the Johnson County Multi-Agency Drug Task Force, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, the Iowa City Police Department, and the Iowa Department of Public Safety-Division of Narcotics Enforcement. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.