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Chicago-Area Man Sentenced To Life In Prison For Conspiracy to Distribute Crack Cocaine

DAVENPORT, IA – On May 10, 2012, Damon O’Neil, of Chicago, Illinois, age 37, was sentenced to life imprisonment for conspiracy to distribute cocaine base announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Judge Robert W. Pratt also ordered O’Neil to serve 10 years of supervised release if released following his imprisonment and pay \$100 to the Crime Victims Fund. On January 6, 2012, a jury convicted O’Neil of violating Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, for conspiring to distribute crack cocaine from May 2010 through January 23, 2011.

In the summer of 2010, police received information that the defendant was involved in the distribution of crack cocaine in Davenport. The defendant had recently relocated to Davenport from Chicago. O’Neil transported hundreds of grams of crack cocaine from Chicago to Davenport, and then used various individuals, including his niece, to redistribute the drugs for him. O’Neil also relied on his wife to pick up crack cocaine in Chicago and bring it to him in Davenport. During the course of the conspiracy O’Neil distributed over 280 grams of crack cocaine.

This case was investigated by the Davenport, Iowa, Police Department and the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, and the case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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