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**Omaha, Nebraska Resident Sentenced to 48 Months
for Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana**

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA - On April 18, 2013, David L. Lopez, Jr., a 40 year old resident of Omaha, Nebraska, was sentenced by United States District Court Chief Judge James E. Gritzner to 48 months imprisonment for Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Chief Judge Gritzner also ordered Lopez to serve a three year term of supervised release following incarceration.

On February 8, 2013, Lopez, Jr. pled guilty to a charge of conspiring to distribute marijuana in Omaha, and Council Bluffs, Iowa. The charge was the result of an investigation conducted by several law enforcement agencies into the importation and distribution of marijuana by a known drug trafficking group. On December 5, 2011, Lopez was being observed by law enforcement as he traveled between Omaha, Nebraska and Council Bluffs, Iowa. Lopez was found to be transporting over 60 pounds of marijuana to a known drug house in Council Bluffs, Iowa, for the drug trafficking group.

The investigation was conducted by the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Police Department, the Southwest Iowa Narcotics Task Force, Omaha Police Department, Iowa Division of Narcotic Enforcement, the Pottawattamie County Attorney's Office, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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