



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Omaha Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Andrew D. Buffkins was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment by the Honorable Joseph Bataillon, Chief United States District Judge, following his conviction for Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Cocaine Base. Buffkins was ordered to serve 4 years of supervised release following his release from incarceration and pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On January 3, 5, 21, and 22, 2008, law enforcement officers utilized a cooperating witness who made controlled purchases of crack cocaine from Andrew Buffkins. The purchases were for 2.7 grams, 5.8 grams, 12.7 grams, and 23.6 grams respectively. A typical transaction consisted of the cooperating witness making a recorded phone call to Buffkins with the two agreeing on a meet location. Thereafter, the two met at Omaha locations where Buffkins delivered the agreed upon amount of crack. Each transaction was also recorded.

Name of Defendant: Andrew D. Buffkins

AKA:

AGE: 21

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Cocaine Base; 5-40 years imprisonment, \$2,000,000 fine, 5 years supervised release, and \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Ne.

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Ne.

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Approximately 44 grams of cocaine base

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: January 3, 2008 continuing through January 22, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: March 29, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: January 22, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: April 1, 2009

Plea Date(s): June 12, 2009

Sentencing Date: September 1, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F.A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held since federal arrest

In Continuous Custody Since: N/A

Assigned District Court Judge: Joseph Bataillon

Initials of Assigned AUSA/Preparer of THIS Release: TJK